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Introduction

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One Sweet Life (一世蜜糖) By Yin Han Qing Y Tou (薄汗轻衣透更新)

Female Lead: Gu Tian Tian (GTT) Male Lead: An Yin Zhu (AYZ) Overview: 32 Chapters, HE

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Synopsis:

An Yin Zhu is a bamboo wolf, waiting years to bed his childhood sweetheart, Gu Tian Tian.

Interview:

Journalist (J): Do you have a close relationship with each other?

GTT: The truth is we're not close.

AYZ: It's true, we're not close. Except last week we slept on the same bed.

J & GTT: ...

J: Do you have a love life?

GTT: AYZ gets in the way of my love life. I don't want to play love games with AYZ.

AYZ: My dream is to play love games with GTT.

J & GTT: ...

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Gu Tian Tian's plane lands. She runs off the plane like the wind. If she turns around, her hair will whip the faces of the two strangers following her.

'Little sister, where are you going?' a forty-year-old man asks. 'I'm familiar with the CBD, I can drive you.'

'Old man, you're over forty,' a twenty-eight-year-old man says. 'It's embarrassing for you to pick up young women. Beautiful girl, give me your number or I can give you my number.'

'Mr. Turning Thirty, you're an old man too,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'It's embarrassing for you to pick up young women.'

Gu Tian Tian grabs her suitcase, and sees a familiar young man wearing a white T-shirt and jeans. Women around the young man are ogling him.

The young man is An Yin Zhu. He scans the crowd, and spots Gu Tian Tian. His inner laziness disappears, and his eyes brightens until he spots two old men hitting on Gu Tian Tian.

An Yin Zhu strides to Gu Tian Tian, he holds her hand, glares at the two old men, and leads her away from them.

'Why must you flirt even after landing?' An Yin Zhu scolds.

Gu Tian Tian retrieves her hand out of An Yin Zhu's hand. 'I can flirt with whoever I want. It has nothing to do with you.'

'Of course it's my business if you flirt,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Your mum ask me to

take care of you. Look at those two dangerous old men you were flirting with.'

Gu Tian Tian rolls her eyes, and hmphs. She feels like An Yin Zhu is the bane of her existence. She wishes they weren't childhood friends so he wouldn't know everything about her life, especially about her weaknesses.

Gu Tian Tian gives An Yin Zhu her pastel blue suitcase.

'Is this your only suitcase?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'I'm too lazy to pack everything,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'If I need anything that isn't in my suitcase, I'll buy it at the shops.'

An Yin Zhu carries Gu Tian Tian's suitcase to the parking lot. He puts it in the boot of a white BMW, and gestures the passenger seat for her to sit.

Nine years ago, Gu Tian Tian's family moved to a country town because of her mum's poor health. Returning to the city after nine years, indeed the city has flourished.

It's three in the afternoon, and hot outside the car. An Yin Zhu passes a bottle of water to Gu Tian Tian. She drinks a sip of water, and he drinks from the same bottle of water.

An Yin Zhu drives Gu Tian Tian to a rich neighborhood, which has the prestigious eighty-eight condos. One of the condos belongs to his family.

An Yin Zhu parks the car, and Gu Tian Tian walks to his family condo first.

'Xiao Tian, is that you at the door?' Mrs. An asks.

A dog barks, and Gu Tian Tian knows why An Yin Zhu is laughing. He named the dog, Tian Tian.

When Gu Tian Tian was six, and An Yin Zhu was nine, his uncle gave him a puppy. The puppy's fluffy with round watery eyes. The puppy loves Gu Tian Tian, runs around her, and licks her every time the puppy sees her, which was why An Yin Zhu named the puppy Tian Tian. During that period, Gu Tian Tian cried for the cute puppy for receiving such a bad name.

Even when Tian Tian wasn't with An Yin Zhu, he would carry around a photo of Tian Tian, and call Tian Tian if Gu Tian Tian was with him.

Since Gu Tian Tian met An Yin Zhu, he hasn't once called her Tian Tian. His nicknames for her is smelly little girl, deadly little girl, nth little girl or hey you. But in front of adults, he'll call her Gu Xiao Zhu, because her name sounds like 'I am a pig.'

Gu Tian Tian's nickname for An Yin Zhu is Chi Si Zhu, because his name sounds like 'Eating Dead Pig.'

'Oh my Xiao Tian, look how big you've grown,' Mrs. An says. 'Come here, and let mummy An hug you.'

Gu Tian Tian and An Yi Zhu's families used to be neighbors for ten years before Gu Tian Tian's family moved to the country. Six years ago, his family vacationed at her family's country home. Three years ago, her family visited his family's city condo.

Mrs. An shows Gu Tian Tian the bedroom the An family built for Gu Tian Tian. Inside Gu Tian Tian's bedroom is a walk-in-wardrobe full of new designer dresses, a bathroom and a vanity table full of makeup and jewellery. Gu Tian Tian sighs inwardly, she knows Mrs. An loves her like a daughter, but she's not a teenager anymore.

After the tour, Mrs. An leaves Gu Tian Tian's bedroom, and An Yin Zhu carries Gu Tian Tian's suitcase into the bedroom.

An Yin Zhu looks at Gu Tian Tian's pink bedroom. 'Aren't you an adult? Why do you still love pink?'

'It's obvious it's your mum who loves pink,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'Besides, I just turned eighteen. I'm not an old woman yet.'

Gu Tian Tian unpacks her suitcase, showers, change clothes, and walks downstairs with damp hair.

'Xiao Tian, go dry your hair,' Mrs. An says. 'If you don't dry your hair, you'll lose half your hair when you're an old woman. Do you know where the hair dryer is? Yin Zhu, go get Xiao Tian the hair dryer.'

Tian Tian the dog isn't a puppy anymore, but an old dog. Tian Tian recognises Gu Tian Tian, jumps off the sofa, runs around Gu Tian Tian and licks Gu Tian Tian.

Gu Tian Tian squats, picks up Tian Tian and Tian Tian licks Gu Tian Tian's arms. Gu Tian Tian is sad Tian Tian is an old dog, and regrets Tian Tian couldn't live with her for twelve years instead of living with An Yin Zhu. Tian Tian has aged a lot since she last saw Tian Tian three years ago.

An Yin Zhu returns to the living room with a hair dryer. He rubs Tian Tian's head. 'The vet said Tian Tian can live for at least another year. Isn't it too soon for you to be grieving for Tian Tian?'

An Yin Zhu turns on the hair dryer. 'Do you want me to blow dry your hair?'

Gu Tian Tian hmphs, grabs the hair dryer and blow dries her own hair.

Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu's families are close. Mrs. An loves Gu Tian Tian, and wishes to adopt Gu Tian Tian as a daughter. On the other hand, Mrs. Gu loves An Yin Zhu, and wishes to adopt An Yin Zhu as a son.

Since Mrs. Gu's health is poor, and Mr. Gu is a busy businessman, Gu Tian Tian used to spend most of her childhood in An Yin Zhu's family condo. Mrs. An always order An Yin Zhu to take care of Gu Tian Tian like his little sister, which is why An Yin Zhu used to blow dry Gu Tian Tian's hair. When Mr. Gu was away on a business trip, Mrs. Gu and Gu Tian Tian used to eat dinner with An Yin Zhu's family.

After dinner, Mrs. An chats with Gu Tian Tian about college.

'Xiao Tian, now that you're living here, you should study at the same college as Yin Zhu so he can drive you to college,' Mrs. An suggests.

Gu Tian Tian suspects Mrs. An purposely avoids saying An Yin Zhu's full name. After all, what mother wants to call their son, 'Dead Pig' or 'Pig's nude little bird?'

Gu Tian Tian smiles while remembering An Yin Zhu asking his teachers and classmates to call him Yin Zhu. An Yin Zhu's pitiful birth name makes Gu Tian Tian feels better about her birth name.

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Although An Yin Zhu wants to change his birth name, he considers his grandpa's wishes for him to be called An Yin Zhu before his grandpa's passing.

Initially Gu Tian Tian was apprehensive about staying at An Yin Zhu's condo while she studies at college. Because she can live in another district in between the city and her family home so she can be closer to the hospital.

In the last six years, An Yin Zhu spent many days staying at her family home. It was Mrs. Gu who told Gu Tian Tian that An Yin Zhu requested to transfer Mrs. Gu to the city hospital so Gu Tian Tian could visit Mrs. Gu often while studying at college that swayed Gu Tian Tian's decision to stay at his family condo. An Yin Zhu's consideration changed Gu Tian Tian's perception of him, he's not always a bad egg. Thinking about eating Mrs. An's cooking, and playing with Tian Tian makes it easier for Gu Tian Tian to put up with An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian cringes remembering An Yin Zhu graduating middle school when he was fifteen. After his middle school graduation, he spent his holiday at her family home. The women in her country town were fooled by his good looks and boyish charm.

The fifteen-year-old An Yin Zhu matured early. He didn't tease Gu Tian Tian like he used to when he was younger. Instead he forced her to study during the

summer holidays. She didn't have ambition to study at a renowned private city college. Her summer holidays were ruined by tutoring sessions with him.

Gu Tian Tian looks forward to sweet revenge while staying at An Yin Zhu's family condo. How much Mrs. Gu loves An Yin Zhu is how much Mrs. An loves Gu Tian Tian. Sometimes Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu suspects they were switched at birth if they weren't born in different years.

Mrs. An takes Gu Tian Tian sightseeing before the commencement of Gu Tian Tian's first college semester. Whenever Gu Tian Tian wants to visit Mrs. Gu at the hospital or go to the library, Mrs. An would ask An Yin Zhu to drive Gu Tian Tian to her destination of choice.

Living in the city makes Gu Tian Tian reminisce about her childhood that was consumed with memories of An Yin Zhu. An Yin Zhu stealing her food, hiding her toys, pulling her hair, scaring her with insects, leaning on her shoulders, there were too many memories of him since she was a three-year-old.

Even though An Yin Zhu used to bully Gu Tian Tian, he would always cheer her up if she cried. It made her realise if she wanted him to get on her good side, all she had to do was cry. So if she knew he wanted to bully her, she would think of something sad to make herself cry, and stop him from bullying her. It frustrated him whenever she cried before he bullied her, and Mrs. An scolding him for making her cry.

Mrs. An used to warn An Yin Zhu not to make Gu Tian Tian cry, and he would say she cried on her own, but Mrs. An didn't believe him. He had to hide behind Mrs. Gu so Mrs. An couldn't hit him. He knew Gu Tian Tian was crying crocodile tears, but secretly laughing at him.

From An Yin Zhu's perspective, he was showered with affections by the adults around him since he was born. But after Gu Tian Tian's birth, the adults around him doted on her more than him. Everyone at childcare, and the hospital wanted to hug Gu Tian Tian. He used to bully Gu Tian Tian when he was a little boy out of jealousy.

When Gu Tian Tian was in primary school, a boy in her class used to steal her books and pull her hair. After An Yin Zhu found out, he made the boy give back her books, and hit the boy for making her cry. The teachers called An Yin Zhu's

parents to tell them about An Yin Zhu hitting Gu Tian Tian's classmate. But the teachers were surprised Mrs. An praised An Yin Zhu. 'I have a good son who protects his little sister.'

An Yin Zhu used the opportunity when Mrs. An felt proud of him by secretly pulling Gu Tian Tian's hair. But Gu Tian Tian cried, and Mrs. An scolded him. 'I have a bad son. After praising him, he bullies his little sister.'

After the fight, Gu Tian Tian's classmates didn't dare bully Gu Tian Tian because she was under the good fighter, An Yin Zhu's protection. But Gu Tian Tian didn't feel grateful since An Yin Zhu bullied her at home in sneakier ways, like feeding her healthy food she hated eating. Even adults misunderstood Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu were close because he took her to school and back home.

When An Yin Zhu tutored Gu Tian Tian, if she got an answer wrong, he would pinch her nose, pull her ear or flick her forehead. Sometimes he hid her books in his bag, and she had to go to his classroom to get her books.

In high school, boys had crushes on Gu Tian Tian. But An Yin Zhu threatened them if they bullied or were friendly toward Gu Tian Tian so they lost interest in Gu Tian Tian.

An Yin Zhu also confiscated love letters written to Gu Tian Tian, and gave them to Mrs. Gu. It made Mrs. Gu stricter on Gu Tian Tian, and she wasn't allowed to date during high school.

Gu Tian Tian' diary was proof An Yin Zhu was responsible for her tragic childhood:

2nd of September 20XX, my first diary entry.

3rd of September 20XX, the bad egg An Yin Zhu bullied me.

4th of September 20XX, Mr. Bad An bullied me again.

10th of September 20XX, Mr. Bad An chased away bad boys, but he teased me about them.

12th of September 20XX, Mr. Bad An hid my books again.

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An Yin Zhu reads Gu Tian Tian's diary. He's disappointed she only wrote about the bad things he did to her. 'Hey, why didn't you write about all the good things I did for you?'

Gu Tian Tian scoffs, and grabs her diary from An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian admits An Yin Zhu did treat her good, but his torment of her washed away the good things he did like hold her hand when crossing the road, let her eat junk food after he bullied her, and he piggy backed her if she was tired of walking. But he always teased her like she ate too much rice and other carbs, which was why she was chubby.

During dinner, An Yin Zhu chats amicably with Gu Tian Tian.

'After dinner, I'll take you to my software company,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian nods. After graduating from college, An Yin Zhu helped manage his family's hotel business, and he also setup a software company with his business partner, Chen Kai Hua who was two years older than him.

When Gu Tian Tian moved to the country town, An Yin Zhu interchanged every three months between helping the An Hotel in the city and the An Hotel in her country town.

At the software company, Chen Kai Hua is wearing glasses and busy working. To Gu Tian Tian, Cheng Kai Hua looks gullible, but a hardworking man.

An Yin Zhu introduces Gu Tian Tian to his employees, which is more than ten employees. She remembers Cheng Kai Hua's girlfriend, Zhang Xiao Man, the software engineers Ye Qi Chang and Bai Lu.

'Yin Zhu, is Tian Tian the little bride the An family raised since she was a little girl?' Ye Qi Cheng teases.

Little bride? Gu Tian Tian wants to throw a hissy fit. She has parents who raised her, and she isn't close with An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu doesn't deny or clarify his relationship with Gu Tian Tian. He smiles at his employees, promises to treat them dinner, and a group karaoke session after work.

An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian to his office, he gives her a spare laptop to play with while he works.

Gu Tian Tian feels uncomfortable being stared at by An Yin Zhu's employees. 'Yin Zhu, what did Qi Cheng mean by little bride?'

'Qi Cheng and the others wanted to set me up on a blind date, but I told them I wasn't interested because my family raised a little bride for me since she was a little girl,' An Yin Zhu says.

'Who's your little bride?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'You don't need to be upset, I didn't say my little bride is you,' An Yin Zhu says, and smiles.

Gu Tian Tian feels it's pointless to reason with An Yin Zhu. She lies on the sofa, and watches dramas online.

At five in the evening, An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian and his employees to eat at the An Hotel's five star restaurant.

Like Mrs. Gu, Gu Tian Tian loves eating spicy food. In the past An Yin Zhu purposely pre-orders dishes Gu Tian Tian hates eating.

At the restaurant, An Yin Zhu behaves strangely by putting all of Gu Tian Tian's favorite dishes into her bowl in front of his employees.

‘I didn’t expect Yin Zhu can be such a considerate man,’ Zhang Xiao Man teases.

‘Of course Yin Zhu treats his little bride differently than how he treats other people,’ Yi Qi Cheng adds.

Gu Tian Tian quietly eats, and pities An Yin Zhu’s employees being fooled by his fake gentle and caring act. She doesn’t clarify their relationship either, because it’ll only fuel the rumors. But as petty revenge, she puts spicy meat and vegetables into An Yin Zhu’s bowl, because he hates eating spicy food.

An Yin Zhu glances at Gu Tian Tian, and puts the spicy meat and vegetables back into her bowl. ‘I don’t eat spicy food.’

Gu Tian Tian smiles sweetly. ‘I know.’

‘Little girl, are you holding an old grudge?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘In the past I gave you vegetables because they’re good for your health.’

After dinner, An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian and his employees to a karaoke bar. When Gu Tian Tian went to the bathroom, she smiles politely at Bai Lu’s group.

‘Tian Tian, what’s your relationship with An Yin Zhu?’ Bai Lu asks.

Gu Tian Tian tries not to laugh at the thought of ‘Eating Dead Pig.’ She continues to smile politely at Bai Lu who clearly has a crush on ‘Eating Dead Pig.’

Gu Tian Tian’s birthday is in August. An Yin Zhu attended all her birthday parties, bought her gifts, and called Mrs. Gu, mother Gu, which made her friends misunderstand that she has a handsome boyfriend living in the city, and as a result her love life suffered. If a boy showed interest in her, An Yin Zhu threatened to snitch to Mrs. Gu if she didn’t reject the boy. It made her more curious to experience dating.

Gu Tian Tian hesitates whether to ruin An Yin Zhu’s love life like how he ruined her love life. But she reasons if he has a busy love life then he won’t interfere in her love life.

‘Yin Zhu is a neighboring big brother to me,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Oh, then...’ Bai Lu says.

Gu Tian Tian is saved by Mrs. Gu’s phone call. ‘I’m sorry, my phone’s ringing.’

Gu Tian Tian escapes outside the bathroom, and answers Mrs. Gu's phone call.

'Did your mum call?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'Um,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'You were in the bathroom for half a day, I thought you were kidnapped,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu is upset Gu Tian Tian didn't consider all the times he treated her good like buying her ice-cream to cheer her up, and chasing away people who wanted to take advantage of her.

Later that night, An Yin Zhu drives Gu Tian Tian home.

'Xiao Tian, where did An Yin Zhu take you out?' Mrs. An asks. 'Did you have fun? Did Yin Zhu bully you?'

An Yin Zhu silently plots his next move, which is taking Gu Tian Tian shopping for college books and stationery.

On Gu Tian Tian's first day of college, An Yin Zhu carries Gu Tian Tian's bag to the college campus. But the other students are curious why An Yin Zhu is with Gu Tian Tian instead of her parents like most of the first year students.

Gu Tian Tian feels like her parents are irresponsible by giving her to An Yin Zhu to take care of her. But she reasons An Yin Zhu is taking care of her to compensate for mistreating her in the past.

During college orientation, there's a roll call for first year students.

'Gu Tian Tian,' a young man calls.

(Note: The second male lead enters the scene in Chapter Four)

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Gu Tian Tian met her friend Lam Cheng when they were in year one. They sat next to each other in class until Lam Cheng transferred to a different school. She sees Lam Cheng as a shy boy who always blushes.

‘Gu Tian Tian, it’s really you,’ Lam Cheng asks. ‘I thought I was seeing things.’

‘Do you two know each other?’ Hao Ting asks.

‘Um, this is my friend from primary school, Lam Cheng,’ Gu Tian Tian introduces.

‘Gu Tian Tian, tomorrow I want to treat you lunch,’ Lam Cheng says.

‘You only want to treat Tian Tian lunch?’ Hao Ting asks.

Lam Cheng laughs awkwardly. ‘I mean I want to treat everyone to lunch tomorrow.’

Gu Tian Tian doesn’t know what to do. Tomorrow she is promised to go shopping with Mrs. An, and An Yin Zhu is picking her up after work.

‘Tomorrow I won’t be here,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Lam Cheng looks disappointed. ‘Oh, another time then.’

Lam Cheng exchanges phone numbers with Gu Tian Tian’s friends.

‘Tian Tian, the hot guy you were with this morning, is he your big brother?’ Hao Ting asks.

Mrs. Gu always wants to adopt An Yin Zhu as a son so Gu Tian Tian considers An Yin Zhu as a neighborhood big brother.

‘Yes,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Does your big brother have a girlfriend?’ Hao Ting asks.

‘He hasn’t introduced his girlfriend to me,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘I don’t think he has a girlfriend.’

Gu Tian Tian answers An Yin Zhu’s phone call. ‘I’m parked outside.’

Gu Tian Tian hangs up the phone. ‘He’s here to pick me up.’

‘Tian Tian, remember to bring back yummy food to our dormitory,’ Hao Ting says.

Gu Tian Tian walks to the parking lot and sits in An Yin Zhu’s car.

‘Let’s eat dinner,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian nods, and An Yin Zhu drives to one of her favorite restaurants.

After dinner, An Yin Zhu drives Gu Tian Tian to his family condo.

‘My mum went to play mahjong at her friend’s house,’ An Yin Zhu explains.

‘Oh,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian knows Mrs. An’s habit of sleeping over a friend’s house when playing mahjong.

‘What about your mum’s plans to go shopping with me tomorrow?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Tomorrow I’ll take you shopping,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘OK,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

If An Yin Zhu’s software company didn’t need him to come into work then he would have taken the day off to be with Gu Tian Tian for the whole day of her college orientation.

Gu Tian Tian plays with Tian Tian on the floor in front of the TV.

‘Do you want to watch a movie?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘What movie?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘A scary movie,’ An Yin Zhu says.

An image of a dead woman coming out of the TV pops into Gu Tian Tian’s head, and her skin breaks out in goose bumps. An Yin Zhu always tease her for being a chicken.

An Yin Zhu always choose days when his parents and Gu Tian Tian’s parents aren’t home to watch a scary movie with Gu Tian Tian, because Gu Tian Tian will stick to him after watching a scary movie.

‘You’re a big chicken,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘You always asks me to wait outside the bathroom for you to go to the toilet after watching a scary movie.’

An Yin Zhu anticipates Gu Tian Tian crawling into his bed after the scary movie ends.

Later that night, An Yin Zhu hears his bedroom door creak open. ‘Are you such a chicken that you’re scared to sleep on your own?’

Gu Tian Tian ignores An Yin Zhu’s teasing. He makes room for her on the bed, and she lies next to him.

Gu Tian Tian remembers crying all night after watching a scary movie with her friends, to the point she’s scared to go to the toilet on her own. She only watches scary movies with An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu turns off the lights. Gu Tian Tian scoots closer to him, and he let her lie on his shoulder.

Gu Tian Tian feels like the shadows in the bedroom are moving, and hugs An Yin Zhu’s waist. Although they’re lying in bed together, she doesn’t feel shy because in her eyes, he’s neither female nor male, he’s simply An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu smiles, and turns on another scary movie.

‘Is it gone yet?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘It’s gone already,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Why didn’t you tell me earlier?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

Gu Tian Tian is too scared to notice something out of An Yin Zhu's control is reacting to her body.

Gu Tian Tian pokes An Yin Zhu's chest to get him to turn on the lights.

'I need to get up to turn on the lights,' An Yin Zhu's says.

An Yin Zhu pretends to get out of bed. Gu Tian Tian is too scared to lie on the bed in the dark by herself so she lies on top of him, and clings to his body.

'Don't move,' An Yin Zhu says.

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Chapter Five

Gu Tian Tian's hands presses onto something hard. She mistakes it as An Yin Zhu's stomach, and rubs it to check. But it's not his stomach.

'Don't move,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu secretly wants Gu Tian Tian to continue rubbing his body, but he doesn't want to scare her away.

In contrast, Gu Tian Tian remembers her classmate talking about what happens between a female lead character, and a male lead character in a novel bedroom scene. Her hands immediately stops rubbing An Yin Zhu's body, and she regrets she can't chop off her hands. She's grateful they're lying in the dark, but realises she's sitting on top of him in a compromising position.

An Yin Zhu holds onto Gu Tian Tian's shoulders, she pushes his chest, but he pulls her closer to him. It makes her remember Ye Qi Cheng's question, 'Yin Zhu, is Tian Tian the little bride the An family raised since she was a little girl?'

An Yin Zhu's friends seeing Gu Tian Tian as his little bride makes her feel shy. She doesn't know where to put her hands so she lies still on his body.

The lights turn on. Gu Tian Tian jumps out of the bed, and An Yin Zhu doesn't stop her.

'I'm going to sleep,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian runs out of An Yin Zhu's bedroom, and hears him laughing. She glares at her hands for rubbing his poisonous little brother.

Unlike feeling scared after seeing a scary movie, Gu Tian Tian feels regret. She regrets she can't materialise a hole for her to fall into.

Gu Tian Tian showers, change clothes, and wipes her wet hair with a towel. A shadow in the bathroom mirror makes her jumpy, and she reasons it's delayed paranoia after seeing a scary movie.

Gu Tian Tian runs to her bedroom door, opens it wide, and turns on all the bedroom lights. She tosses the towel onto the bed, because she's scared the towel will blur her vision. It's her habit to run to An Yin Zhu when she's scared, but she is still embarrassed about what happened earlier in his bedroom. She's more scared of his little brother than being possessed by a ghost.

Gu Tian Tian lies on her bed, and looks at the ceiling. A while later, she hears footsteps.

'Why is your bedroom door open?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian's guts says her bedroom door is opened because she's a big chicken.

An Yin Zhu sits on Gu Tian Tian's bed. 'Sit up, and dry your wet hair.'

Gu Tian Tian sits up on the bed, and An Yin Zhu grabs the hair dryer. 'Sit closer to me, I'll blow dry your hair.'

Gu Tian Tian sits closer to An Yin Zhu, he turns on the hair dryer, and she feels hot air through her wet hair. She looks at their reflections in the mirror. He is running his fingers through her hair, and focusing on drying her hair, but she feels awkward.

When Mrs. An discovered Gu Tian Tian's bad habit of not blow drying hair after a shower, Mrs. An always asks An Yin Zhu to blow dry Gu Tian Tian's hair. Gu Tian Tian used to think An Yin Zhu listens to Mrs. An's order because he knows

Gu Tian Tian hates using a hair dryer.

Gu Tian Tian blushes, looks away from the mirror, and wants to crawl into a hiding spot.

An Yin Zhu pauses the hair dryer. 'Why are you bowing your head?'

Gu Tian Tian's hands fans her face. 'It's hot.'

An Yin Zhu adjusts the hair dryer to low heat, continues to blow dry Gu Tian Tian's hair, but she feels like her face is hotter than a boiled egg. Every time his fingertips touches her scalp, it gives her body strong tingles, and makes her want to hide.

An Yin Zhu turns off the hair dryer, and smiles cheekily. 'Can you sleep on your own?'

Gu Tian Tian hmphs. 'Of course.'

An Yin Zhu laughs. 'Then why did you turn on all the lights in your bedroom?'

'I like wasting electricity and money,' Gu Tian Tian denies. 'I'm sleepy. Go back to your bedroom.'

An Yin Zhu stands up, and walks to the door. 'If you're scared to sleep on your own, you can bring your pillow and bedsheet to my bedroom.'

Gu Tian Tian wants to smash the hair dryer onto An Yin Zhu's handsome face.

An Yin Zhu walks outside Gu Tian Tian's bedroom, and shuts the door. She looks out the closed window, and can't sleep.

In the bedroom next door, An Yin Zhu lies in his bed, and can't sleep either. He looks at his opened door, but doesn't see Gu Tian Tian walking through his door. He gets out of bed again. If his little mountain doesn't want to come to him then he's going to climb the little mountain.

An Yin Zhu carries a pillow, and bedsheet to Gu Tian Tian's bedroom. Suddenly she opens the door. 'What are you doing here?'

'I can't sleep because of the bright lights shining through your bedroom door,' An Yin Zhu says.

'I turned on my bedroom lights, not yours,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'It shouldn't

affect your sleep.'

'I suffer from a common rich person's syndrome, stinginess,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Thinking about you burning money keeps me awake.'

The lights turn off. Gu Tian Tian turns on the nightlight, and An Yin Zhu lies on the bed next to her.

Gu Tian Tian used to share the same bed with An Yin Zhu when she was a little girl. The last time she shared the same bed with An Yin Zhu before tonight, she was fifteen, that night she also watched a scary movie with him.

The eighteen-year-old Gu Tian Tian kicks An Yin Zhu's legs. 'Go back to your bedroom.'

'You should sleep,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu is lying straight on the two metre wide bed. He's lying on the left side of the bed, Gu Tian Tian's lying on the right, and there's a metre distance between their bodies.

Gu Tian Tian closes her eyes, she still can't sleep, but it's not fear that's keeping her awake. She doesn't know why she can't sleep with An Yin Zhu sleeping next to her.

Ten minutes later, Gu Tian Tian sleeps to the morning.

At nine in the morning, Gu Tian Tian wakes up, and is relieved An Yin Zhu isn't lying next to her on the bed. She gets out of bed, washes her face, brushes her teeth, changes clothes, and walks downstairs to the kitchen.

'Xiao Tian, when are you going shopping with Yin Zhu?' Mrs. An asks.

'Mummy An, I'll ask him,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian texts An Yin Zhu. 'When are you taking me shopping?'

An Yin Zhu quickly replies. 'In the afternoon.'

'Mummy An, he says in the afternoon,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian bums at home in the morning. In the afternoon, An Yin Zhu takes her shopping to buy things she needs for college.

At night, An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian to eat dinner at the five star restaurant

at the An Hotel.

‘An Yin!’ a man calls.

Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu turns their heads around. They see a man wearing a navy suit and glasses. She believes if An Yin Zhu has a trust worthy face in the eyes of the elderly then the man in the navy suit has a face appealing to women.

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‘Who does this darling little sister belong to?’ Wen Che asks. ‘An Yin, did you deceive her to follow you here? Little sister, do you need my protection?’

An Yin Zhu takes out his phone, and dials a phone number. ‘Is this the Hua Ha’s Newspaper? I spotted Wen’s company’s Wen Che. Right now, Wen Che is booking a hotel room with a female celebrity.’

‘Hey!’ Wen Che cries out.

Wen Che explains something to the woman in sunglasses standing behind him, and they leave.

‘Do you remember Wen Che?’ An Yin Zhu asks Gu Tian Tian.

‘Did I meet Wen Che before?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘When you were nine, Wen Che came to my house to play,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘Wen Che used a toy snake to scare you, and you let Tian Tian bite him. Do you remember now?’

Gu Tian Tian remembers Wen Che is a bad egg like An Yin Zhu. When she was a nine-year-old, she was playing in the park with Tian Tian. Wen Che dangled a toy

snake in front of her, she cried, and Tian Tian bit Wen Che. Afterward, Wen Che had to go to the hospital to get a rabies vaccine shot, and Mrs. Gu scolded Gu Tian Tian. Luckily, Gu Tian Tian's family moved to the country town, and the Wen family didn't cause trouble for her family.

The next day, An Yin Zhu dropped Gu Tian Tian off at college.

'You don't have to pick me up in the afternoon,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Don't get kidnapped,' An Yin Zhu says, and drives to work.

In the afternoon, Gu Tian Tian receives a phone call from An Yin Zhu.

'I'm parked outside,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian says bye to her friends, and walks to An Yin Zhu's car.

'Didn't I say I'll find my own way home today?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'What happens if you're kidnapped?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'Get in. My mum is waiting for us at home for dinner. She cooked your favorite dishes.'

Gu Tian Tian sits in An Yin Zhu's car. He drives off, and glances at her.

'Put on your seat belt,' An Yin Zhu says.

'No,' Gu Tian Tian says stubbornly.

An Yin Zhu stops the car, and leans over Gu Tian Tian.

'What are you doing?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

Gu Tian Tian feels awkward having An Yin Zhu's face too close to her face that she can feel his breath on her face.

'Putting on your seat belt,' An Yin Zhu says. 'What else do you think I'm doing?'

Gu Tian Tian wants to bury herself in a hole. She feels embarrassed about her friends texting her asking her if An Yin Zhu is her boyfriend, and his friends mistaking her as his little bride.

In the past, An Yin Zhu could hug Gu Tian Tian, and she wouldn't feel awkward. But since the night her hands unintentionally rubbed his little brother, she's conscious of the fact that he's a man.

An Yin Zhu puts on Gu Tian Tian's seat belt, and keeps his face close to her face. 'Why is your face red?'

'I'm hot,' Gu Tian Tian denies.

'Really?' An Yin Zhu asks and smiles.

An Yin Zhu's happy Ms. Little Oblivious is finally aware he's a man. Should he take a stronger next step?

Gu Tian Tian pretends she isn't embarrassed. But she's relieved to hear someone sent her a text, it's Hao Ting. 'We can see you two kissing in the car.'

Gu Tian Tian feels like lightning struck her head, and she quickly texts back to Hao Ting. 'It's not what you're thinking. He's helping me put on my seat belt.'

'Excuses can't hide the truth,' Hao Ting texts. 'What big brother? I heard Mr. An is your boyfriend. When is your boyfriend going to treat your friends a meal?'

'He's a neighborhood big brother,' Gu Tian Tian texts. 'My big brother is helping me put on my seat belt.'

'OK, your boyfriend is putting on your seat belt because he cares about your safety,' Hao Ting texts.

Gu Tian Tian texts half an explanation, and deletes it. She can't believe An Yin Hua is ruining her love life again. Mrs. Gu agreed to let her date in college, but her college life hasn't even began, but An Yin Hua has ruined her sweet college dating life.

Gu Tian Tian shoves her phone in her bag, and glares at An Yin Zhu. 'Don't pick me up anymore. Everyone misunderstands that we're close. But we're not close.'

An Yin Zhu's good mood plummets, and he drives off. He can't believe Gu Tian Tian wants to deny their close bond. 'It's true that we're not close. But last week we slept in the same bed.'

Gu Tian Tian is speechless. An Yin Zhu turns his head to the side, and smiles at her. 'Who is it that you don't want to misunderstand about our relationship? I'll help you clear the misunderstanding since it's true that we're not close.'

Gu Tian Tian has never won against An Yin Zhu when it came to war of words. It was OK for her to cry when she was a little girl to stop him from teasing her,

but it's embarrassing for an adult to cry to get their way.

'I'm warning you not to interfere in my love life,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'I'm in college now, and my mum agrees to let me date.'

An Yin Zhu's complexion darkens. He waited a long time for Gu Tian Tian to grow up so he's not going to let someone else take her away from his hands. 'Do you have a crush on someone? Who is it? I'll investigate him for you.'

Gu Tian Tian doubts An Yin Zhu has good intentions. She suspects he'll investigate anyone she's interested in, and report their weaknesses to Mrs. Gu.

'If you mess with my love life, I won't let you live a peaceful life,' Gu Tian Tian warns.

'Oh?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'I can't wait to see how you won't let me live a peaceful life.'

Gu Tian Tian has moved to the city for less than half a month, but An Yin Zhu is worried someone wants to snatch her away from him. He'll need to enlist Mrs. An's help to find out who she's infatuated with.

An Yin Zhu's words makes him sound jealous, but Gu Tian Tian doesn't believe it. She takes out her phone again, and plays on her phone.

'Who is your ideal type?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'I don't know,' Gu Tian Tian says without taking her eyes off her phone.

An Yin Zhu is secretly happy Gu Tian Tian doesn't have an ideal type.

Ten seconds later, Gu Tian Tian amends her answer. 'But my ideal type isn't someone like you.'

An Yin Zhu is speechless. What's wrong with him? He's rich, handsome, not a player, and many women are attracted to him.

At home, An Yin Zhu wants to talk privately to Mrs. An while Gu Tian Tian showers.

'Yin Zhu, quit acting suspicious, and tell me what you want,' Mrs. An says.

An Yin Zhu suspects his mum is actually Gu Tian Tian's birth mother. 'She has a crush on someone. Mum, help me find out who he is.'

‘Who?’ Mrs. An asks innocently. ‘Xiao Tian?’

Mrs. An laughs. ‘Little boy, it’s your retribution. If you didn’t bully Xiao Tian when she was a little girl then she wouldn’t hate you now.’

An Yin Zhu reasons if Mrs. An didn’t act like she loved Gu Tian Tian more than him when he was a little boy then he wouldn’t tease Gu Tian Tian. Besides, he always cheered up Gu Tian Tian after he teased her.

‘Mum, you can see how well I treat her now,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘She only remembers all the bad things I did. I stopped bullying her since I was nine when she started crying crocodile tears. Gu Xiao Zhu holds petty grudges.’

‘Yin Zhu, how can you say Xiao Tian holds petty grudges when it’s you who holds petty grudges,’ Mrs. An teases.

‘Mum, later remember to find out who she likes,’ An Yin Zhu says sweetly.

‘OK, I’ll ask Xiao Tian who she likes,’ Mrs. An says. ‘I want Xiao Tian to be happy.’

‘Mum, don’t you want her to become your daughter-in-law?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘Yin Zhu, don’t use my motherly love toward Xiao Tian to hide the truth that you want Xiao Tian to become your wife,’ Mrs. An says.

Gu Tian Tian walks downstairs drying her hair with a towel. An Yin Zhu tugs Mrs. An’s shirt sleeve, and he looks pleadingly at Mrs. An.

Mrs. An shakes An Yin Zhu’s hand off her shirt sleeve. ‘There’s no rush. I’ll ask later tonight.’

An Yin Zhu feels anxious. ‘Mum, it’ll be too late if you ask later tonight.’

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Mrs. An is annoyed by An Yin Zhu's impatience. She reluctantly sits next to Gu Tian Tian on the sofa. 'Xiao Tian, how was your day? You look like you got sunburn.'

Gu Tian Tian looks at her arms and legs. 'Mummy An, it was a hot day, but I had a good day.'

Mrs. An makes small talk with Gu Tian Tian before broaching An Yin Zhu's question. 'Xiao Tian, you're eighteen now. Do you have a boyfriend?'

Gu Tian Tian is surprised by Mrs. An's question, but she shakes her head.

'Xiao Tian, in absence of your mummy Gu, mummy An will help you sought out your love life,' Mrs. An says. 'Do you have a crush on someone?'

Gu Tian Tian contemplates for a while. In the past, Lam Cheng was the only guy she liked, but they only got to progress up to the friends stage. She shakes her head again.

Mrs. An can read Gu Tian Tian's thoughts on Gu Tian Tian's face. Mrs. An knows Gu Tian Tian hesitated, because there is someone Gu Tian Tian likes but hasn't progressed to the lovers stage.

'Xiao Tian, are you interested in a guy?' Mrs. An asks. 'Let mummy An do a background check on him. I don't want anyone to deceive my Xiao Tian.'

Gu Tian Tian doesn't see herself as a gullible person, but everyone around her worries that she'll be deceived because she has no dating experiences.

‘When I was in primary school, there was a classmate who sat next to me but he transferred school,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘We met again at college. I want to see if we’re meant to be more than friends.’

‘Xiao Tian, I want you to have a good boyfriend,’ Mrs. An says. ‘There’s no rush. Take your time to get to know him better.’

After the heart to heart talk with Gu Tian Tian, Mrs. An went to report the news to An Yin Zhu.

‘Yin Zhu, do you think you have a chance?’ Mrs. An asks, and pats An Yin Zhu’s shoulder. ‘The moment Xiao Tian was born, you wanted to bully her. It’s no wonder, she has a good impression of her classmate, and doesn’t like you.’

An Yin Zhu looks at the absence of sympathy on Mrs. An’s face, which makes him really miss Mrs. Gu.

In the evening, Gu Tian Tian receives a text from Lam Cheng. Lam Cheng wants to have a meal with her and Hao Ting. She texts to Lam Cheng that she’s not at the college dorm, she’s at a relative’s home.

The An family aren’t related to the Gu family, but they’re no longer neighbors. It’s easier for Gu Tian Tian to say she’s at a relative’s home than explaining the complex relationship between the An family and the Gu family. Although Mrs. An hasn’t adopted her, Mrs. An treats her like a daughter.

The next day, An Yin Zhu offers Gu Tian Tian a lift to college.

‘I can make my own way to college,’ Gu Tian Tian declines. ‘I don’t want to inconvenience you.’

Mrs. An laughs in the same way as Mrs. Gu, making Gu Tian Tian almost mistake Mrs. An for Mrs. Gu.

‘Xiao Tian, let Yin Zhu drive you to college,’ Mrs. An says. ‘It’s hard to catch public transport during peak times.’

‘Yes mummy An,’ Gu Tian Tian agrees. ‘But I only want him to drive me to the college front gate. Not to the college dorms.’

An Yin Zhu drives Gu Tian Tian to the college visitors’ parking lot.

‘Bye,’ Gu Tian Tian says, and jumps out of the car.

‘I’ll walk you to your class,’ An Yin Zhu says, and catches up to Gu Tian Tian.

Gu Tian Tian doesn’t want her classmates to see An Yin Zhu, and make them mistake him for her boyfriend too.

‘No,’ Gu Tian Tian rejects.

‘Why?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘Because I don’t want you to,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘But I want to,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian doesn’t know what to say to get rid of An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu is still popular at the college, which is why many students are surrounding him and Gu Tian Tian while they bicker with each other.

Gu Tian Tian stomps her foot, and strides to class. She regrets her foot can’t stomp An Yin Zhu down to hell.

An Yin Zhu follows Gu Tian Tian to her class, and occasionally nods his head at students who he has met before.

Near Gu Tian Tian’s lecture theatre, she notices Hao Ting walking toward the lecture theatre too.

‘I’m here,’ Gu Tian Tian says grumpily to An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian hopes An Yin Zhu understands her tone, for him to hurry up and leave.

‘Um,’ An Yin Zhu says, and plays dumb.

Gu Tian Tian gives up, and walks toward the lecture theatre door. But she didn’t expect An Yin Zhu to keep following her.

‘What do you want?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘I want to see how you’re coping in class,’ An Yin Zhu says in parental tone.

Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu bicker again in front of the lecture theatre.

The professor arrives, and notices An Yin Zhu. All the professors admire An Yin Zhu, because he’s a hard working student who maintains top grades while helping manage the An Hotel. The professors are also scared to be on bad terms

with An Yin Zhu.

The professor glances at Gu Tian Tian, and smiles at An Yin Zhu.

‘It’s good to be young,’ the professor says.

An Yin Zhu smiles politely at the professor while Gu Tian Tian hopes the professor doesn’t misunderstand her relationship with An Yin Zhu.

Since the professor is here, Gu Tian Tian can’t stand idle in front of the lecture theatre. She walks into the lecture theatre, and is surprised to see An Yin Zhu walks into lecture theatre too.

Gu Tian Tian suffers during the hour lecture.

After the lecture, Gu Tian Tian receives a phone call from Lam Cheng, and glares at An Yin Zhu.

‘Tian Tian, do you want to perform a duet with me tonight at the official welcoming ceremony?’ Lam Cheng asks.

Gu Tian Tian remembers when she was a little girl, Mrs. Gu forced her to learn how to play the piano like An Yin Zhu, even though she wanted to learn how to play the cello. After playing the piano for a few years, it came in handy. She performed a duet with Lam Cheng at a concert and they won a prize.

Gu Tian Tian isn’t interested in playing the piano in public again, but she doesn’t want to disappoint Lam Cheng.

‘OK,’ Gu Tian Tian says, and hangs up her phone.

‘Do you want to perform at the welcoming ceremony tonight?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian ignores An Yin Zhu, and walks out of the lecture theatre.

‘Do you want to invite me as your guest?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian lifts her chin. She knows An Yin Zhu’s good intentions are never good.

Gu Tian Tian heads in the direction of the female dorms, where An Yin Zhu can’t enter.

An Yin Zhu leaves for work, and Gu Tian Tian attends her afternoon tutorial

class.

After class, Gu Tian Tian meets up with Lam Cheng. It's been a long time since they can catch up alone. So there are a lot of things they can talk about.

'Did you receive my letter?' Lam Cheng asks shyly.

Lam Cheng sees Gu Tian Tian looking at him confusedly, and knows she didn't receive the love letter he wrote to her. Even though he knew she has An Yin Zhu in her life, he wanted to give her a love letter before transferring primary schools. After transferring primary schools, he called her phone number, but she changed phone numbers and they lost contact. During high school, he was burdened by academic studies so he didn't have free time to find ways to get in touch with her again.

Lam Cheng remembers how his heart raced on orientation day when he saw Gu Tian Tian again. He's not brave enough to make public declarations, but that day he called out Gu Tian Tian's name confidently.

Lam Cheng used to call out Gu Tian Tian in his dreams. So when he reunited with her in college, he's hopeful they're fated to be together.

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Lam Cheng catches up on old times with Gu Tian Tian. They're not worried about performing live concerts.

'Let's go shopping for instruments tomorrow and eat a meal together,' Lam Cheng suggests.

'Sure,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Lam Cheng takes Gu Tian Tian back to the female dorms, and Hao Ting passes on An Yin Zhu's message.

'Tian Tian, what happened to your phone?' Hao Ting asks. 'Mr. An called your phone, but there's no connection. He called the dorm, and asked me to tell you to give him a call when you get back.'

Gu Tian Tian charges her flat phone battery, and receives An Yin Zhu's phone call.

'Why are you looking for me?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu's dissatisfied with Gu Tian Tian's indifference tone.

'I wanted to have dinner with you,' An Yin Zhu says.

'Oh, I ate dinner already,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'I haven't eaten dinner,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Come outside in five minutes.'

‘Why do I need to come outside?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘To eat dinner,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘I ate dinner already,’ Gu Tian Tian repeats.

‘I’m hanging up first,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Hello...’ Gu Tian Tian says to An Yin Zhu’s disconnected phone.

Six minutes later, Gu Tian Tian lazily chills in front of a laptop, and picks up An Yin Zhu’s phone call.

‘Where are you?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘Hurry up and come outside.’

‘I’m busy,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘I’m not free to eat dinner with you.’

‘If you don’t come outside in three minutes, I’m going to call out your name,’ An Yin Zhu threatens.

Gu Tian Tian runs to the window, and sees An Yin Zhu waving his phone in her direction.

Gu Tian Tian remembers An Yin Zhu used to call out her name in front of her classmates whenever he visited her high school. For the sake of her college love life she quickly changes clothes.

‘I’m going to call out your name now,’ An Yin Zhu warns.

‘I’ll be right outside!’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Hurry up,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian rushes outside, and glares at the smiling An Yin Zhu.

‘Tell me what you want,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘Don’t forget, we’re not close.’

‘Um, we’re not close,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘We just live together, and sleep on the same bed together.’

Gu Tian Tian is speechless at An Yin Zhu’s audacity.

‘In the future, I’ll pick you up for lunch and dinner,’ An Yin Zhu announces.

‘Who wants to eat with you?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Your mum asked me to take care of you, of course I need to see you eat lunch

and dinner,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian impatiently waits for An Yin Zhu to eat dinner. After dinner, he makes her take a stroll around campus for him to digest dinner. She ignores the looks of admiration the other students sends An Yin Zhu's way, and wishes to bury herself whenever she receives envious looks because she's keeping An Yin Zhu company.

Later that night, An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian back to the female dorms.

'Oh, you're back,' Hao Ting says, and smiles slyly.

Gu Tian Tian sits on a chair, and sighs resentfully.

In the past, Gu Tian Tian used the cry card like a heartless assassin. But now she's defenceless against An Yin Zhu. She's tired of An Yin Zhu stopping her love life from blossoming, and having an unclear relationship with An Yin Zhu.

'What's wrong?' Hao Ting asks. 'Do you have love blues? Maybe I can help.'

Hao Ting sits on a bed, holding a novel.

Gu Tian Tian sighs helplessly, and explains her unclear relationship with An Yin Zhu.

'I can let the past slide, but now I'm in college and he's still up to his old tricks,' Gu Tian Tian complains. 'He makes me so angry. Why am I such an unlucky person to meet someone crazy like An Yin Zhu?'

Hao Ting looks at Gu Tian Tian with conviction like she's a love doctor.

'Based on my years of experience, it looks like Mr. An has the hots for you,' Hao Ting diagnoses, and looks enviously at Gu Tian Tian. 'I envy you. You have a childhood sweetheart. Whereas I don't have one.'

Hao Ting fantasises about having a childhood sweetheart romance.

Gu Tian Tian looks at Hao Ting like Hao Ting is a lunatic.

Hao Ting laughs. 'Where were we?'

'We were up to the part about An Yin Zhu being a crazy person,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'I think you should get to the root of Mr. An's craziness,' Hao Tian advises. 'To

do that, you need to ask Mr. An's intentions toward you.'

Gu Tian Tian looks at the floor. She remembers the little bride incident, and her heart automatically pounds.

The next afternoon, An Yin Zhu texts Gu Tian Tian that he's busy at work, and can't take her out to lunch.

Gu Tian Tian bites her lips, and feels frustrated she can't ask An Yin Zhu about his intentions toward her since he's standing her up. What sort of a person drags her to dinner and stands her up the next day?

Gu Tian Tian forgets about An Yin Zhu, and goes shopping for musical instruments with Lam Cheng.

At five in the evening, An Yin Zhu calls Gu Tian Tian's phone.

'I'm waiting for you outside,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Hurry up and come outside.'

'I'm sorry,' Gu Tian Tian says sarcastically. 'I'm not at the dorm. I'm out at the moment.'

'Where?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'I'll come pick you up-'

'Bye,' Gu Tian Tian says and hangs up.

An Yin Zhu rings Gu Tian Tian's phone again.

'Where are you?' An Yin Zhu asks again. 'I'll come pick you up.'

'I'll find my own way back,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Come back soon,' An Yin Zhu says.

'Um,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian hangs up her phone. Although she and An Yin Zhu aren't close. When she looks at Lam Cheng holding the new cello, she feels like she's two timing.

'Do you want to eat dinner before we head back?' Lam Cheng asks.

'I...' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian decides to eat dinner with Lam Cheng, but she keeps thinking about An Yin Zhu throughout dinner.

By the time Lam Cheng takes Gu Tian Tian back to the female dorms, it's eight at night.

'Do you want me to help you carry the cello upstairs?' Lam Cheng asks.

'I'm not that weak,' Gu Tian Tian says and smiles.

Lam Cheng smiles back at Gu Tian Tian. In the distance, she can see a familiar BMW, and her heart beats chaotically.

The driver of the BWM slams the car door shut, and a familiar tall figure quickly appears in front of Gu Tian Tian.

An Yin Zhu pulls Gu Tian Tian to his side, and his smile can't hide his anger.

'Thank you for escorting my Xiao Tian back here,' An Yin Zhu says to Lam Cheng.

Lam Cheng recognises An Yin Zhu, and thinks about the meaning behind An Yin Zhu saying 'his Xiao Tian.'

Lam Cheng looks at Gu Tian Tian instead of replying to An Yin Zhu. 'Tian Tian, I'll come here tomorrow afternoon so we can practice.'

'Mmm...' Gu Tian Tian hesitates because An Yin Zhu is gripping her wrist. 'OK.'

An Yin Zhu hears OK from Gu Tian Tian's lips, and he immediately pinches her arm.

'I'm... going upstairs now,' Gu Tian Tian says, and wants to escape quickly.

Lam Cheng waves bye to Gu Tian Tian, but An Yin Zhu doesn't release her wrist.

'Let's go somewhere to talk privately,' An Yin Zhu says, and pulls Gu Tian Tian to the car.

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Warning: Chapter Nine has mild mature content.

In An Yin Zhu's car, Gu Tian Tian senses something isn't right.

'What do you want to say?' Gu Tian Tian asks. 'I want to go back upstairs.'

An Yin Zhu's complexion is dark like a black pearl. He drives Gu Tian Tian away from the college campus.

Gu Tian Tian looks at An Yin Zhu's angry face while he drives. Who does he want to scare? She didn't do anything to provoke him.

An Yin Zhu parks on an empty street, and the car is silent except for the sounds of his and Gu Tian Tian's breaths.

An Yin Zhu turns and faces Gu Tian Tian. 'I'm twenty-two this year. I'm handsome, I have a healthy body, I'm strong, I have connections, I'm responsibly managing my family business, last year I started a company, and you don't need

to worry that I can't make money.'

Gu Tian Tian doesn't know why An Yin Zhu is praising himself. But she admits his self-praises are all true. Compared to him, she's an eighteen-year-old who has nothing to show for herself.

'I have a good family home,' An Yin Zhu says. 'My family members get along with each other. Everyone knows my dad and mum loves you. So you won't have to experience having an overbearing father-in-law and mother-in-law. Your dad and mum loves me too.'

What father-in-law and mother-in-law? An Yin Zhu's words are making Gu Tian Tian freak out.

'You... what are you saying?' Gu Tian Tian stammers.

Gu Tian Tian doesn't understand why An Yin Zhu is suddenly pointing out his good traits, and what he wants from her.

An Yin Zhu sees confusion on Gu Tian Tian's face, and it makes him more frustrated. He promised Mrs. Gu that he'll wait until Gu Tian Tian is an adult before he makes a move. But Gu Tian Tian's confusion means he needs to make a move soon otherwise he'll lose her.

'What do you think I'm saying?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian purses her lips, her brain thinks about the little bride incident, and her heart pounds again.

An Yin Zhu doesn't expose Gu Tian Tian playing dumb.

'How do you feel about me?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian looks outside the window, and thinks about the best way to escape. Her hand secretly moves toward the door handle. 'I... you...'

'I locked the doors,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian looks at the back, and thinks about how to escape through the boot.

An Yin Zhu notices Gu Tian Tian planning an alternate escape, and sits closer to her.

‘Why do you want to escape?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian wants to cry because she feels An Yin Zhu is looking like his prey fell into a trap. His gentle voice makes her panic. His complexion changing from frustration to calmness gives off a dangerous vibe. Right now he looks like a monster blocking out the sky, and she’s a monster’s dessert.

An Yin Zhu moves closer to Gu Tian Tian until her shoulder is against the passenger car door.

‘What do you want?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu lowers Gu Tian Tian’s chair. One of his knees kneels on her chair, and his body leans over her body. ‘What do you think I want to do?’

Gu Tian Tian can’t avoid the mountain looking down on her. She bites her lips, blushes, and looks like a sweet dessert in An Yin Zhu’s eyes.

Gu Tian Tian widens her eyes anxiously like a frightened small pet.

An Yin Zhu caresses Gu Tian Tian’s face, and her body shivers.

‘You...’ Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu lock lips with Gu Tian Tian, his tongue coils her tongue, and makes her feel light headed.

An Yin Zhu’s initial rough kiss turns gentler the next minute. He kisses Gu Tian Tian tenderly, and his tongue softly licks her tongue.

Gu Tian Tian keeps her eyes widen, and her body stays in a state of shock until An Yin Zhu’s hands cups her cheeks. She closes her eyes, realises he initiated a kiss, and she’s lying on the lowered chair beneath his body.

Gu Tian Tian can’t move her body except for making o sounds in An Yin Zhu’s mouth. She remembers him praising himself as being strong. Lying beneath him, she can feel how strong he is.

An Yin Zhu kisses Gu Tian Tian for a long time, and lets her go.

‘Did you eat chocolates tonight?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘Is that why you tasted sweet?’

Gu Tian Tian blushes bright red. She did eat chocolates for dessert. But she

knows An Yin Zhu is teasing her.

‘You’re shameless,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian can’t believe she lost her first kiss to An Yin Zhu.

‘Do you want me to kiss you again?’ An Yin Zhu asks, and leans closer to Gu Tian Tian.

Gu Tian Tian covers her lips, and An Yin Zhu pulls her hands away from her lips.

‘This is what shameless looks like,’ An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu kisses Gu Tian Tian for more than half an hour in the car.

After An Yin Zhu drives Gu Tian Tian back to the female dorms, in a blurry state, she manages to walk her embarrassed self upstairs.

‘Tian Tian,’ Hao Ting calls for the nth time, and laughs. ‘Your lips has turned into a swollen sausage.’

Gu Tian Tian admits she’s not smart, but she knows when someone is teasing her.

‘Stop teasing me,’ Gu Tian Tian says, and hides under the bedsheet.

Hao Ting lies on the lower bunk bed. ‘Tian Tian, pick up your ringing phone.’

Gu Tian Tian looks at her phone, sees the monster An Yin Zhu’s caller ID, and rejects his call.

A second later, the dorm phone rings, and Hao Ting laughs again.

‘Tian Tian, someone is calling you again,’ Hao Ting teases.

When An Yin Zhu calls Gu Tian Tian’s phone again, she picks up.

‘What are you doing right now?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian feels shy talking to An Yin Zhu while Hao Ting is looking at her and eavesdropping.

‘What do you want?’ Gu Tian Tian whispers.

‘I want to chat with you,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘I don’t want to chat to you,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘I want to sleep. Don’t call me

again.'

'It's only nine o'clock,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian doesn't know how such a thick skinned person can exist.

'If you call me again... I'll...' Gu Tian Tian says, but can't spit out I'll cry.

An Yin Zhu laughs hearing Gu Tian Tian's embarrassed tone. 'Alright, tomorrow morning I'll come pick you up, and I'll take you to eat breakfast.'

Gu Tian Tian hangs up her phone, and sets her alarm extra early because she wants to escape the monster An Yin Zhu. Breakfast with An Yin Zhu? She was kissed for a long time tonight. Tomorrow morning, she isn't going to fall for his trap again.

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OSL – Chapter Ten



Since the night An Yin Zhu self-praised himself, and kissed Gu Tian Tian out of the blue, she changed her daily routine.

Gu Tian Tian wakes up early at six in the morning, hides behind Hao Ting and walks to class. After class, Gu Tian Tian hides in the library until closing time at ten at night.

Gu Tian Tian manages to hide from An Yin Zhu for two days.

On the third day since that night, An Yin Zhu pulls the hunching Gu Tian Tian out of the crowd of students.

‘Let go of me,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘We’re in public. You’re not embarrassed. But I’m embarrassed for my reputation.’

‘Do you like playing hide and seek?’ An Yin Zhu asks, and smiles. ‘Should we play together?’

An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian to an empty room. No one is around, making her want to run.

An Yin Zhu traps Gu Tian Tian between him and the door. ‘Do you want to

hide?’

Gu Tian Tian looks at An Yin Zhu’s face from a close distance. ‘Who’s hiding from you? I... you...’

An Yin Zhu kisses Gu Tian Tian lips for longer than ten seconds. ‘Do you still want to hide?’

During the two days of hiding, Gu Tian Tian forgot about An Yin Zhu’s thick skin. She bites her kissed lips, and gives him a dagger.

‘You’re shameless,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Do you still want to hide?’ An Yin Zhu repeats, and smiles.

Gu Tian Tian knows when to admit defeat. ‘No.’

An Yin Zhu lets Gu Tian Tian off the hook. He holds her hand, and takes her to eat lunch at the cafeteria.

Gu Tian Tian walks stiffly into the crowded cafeteria. Her empty brain can’t think of a way to escape.

Gu Tian Tian has no appetite eating lunch with An Yin Zhu in the cafeteria.

After lunch, An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian to a florist. He buys her a bouquet of flowers, and drops her back at the female dorms.

‘Tian Tian, you have no chance to be Mr. An’s opponent,’ Hao Ting says.

‘You read a lot of romance novels, can’t you give me tips?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘The romance novels I read are about alpha male leads,’ Hao Ting says regrettably. ‘If you want tips about how to become Mr. An’s lover, I can help you.’

Gu Tian Tian is speechless.

‘Gentlemen like Mr. An isn’t my type,’ Hao Ting says. ‘But I’m envious you have a childhood sweetheart.’

An Yin Zhu a gentleman? Gu Tian Tian wishes Hao Ting can see the real thickness of his skin.

‘Tian Tian, go and be Mr. An’s lover,’ Hao Ting advises. ‘It’s futile for you hide.’

‘Traitor,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Tian Tian, I care about your future happiness,’ Hao Ting says sincerely. ‘When you have a good man, you need to hold onto him.’

Gu Tian Tian remembers An Yin Zhu’s self-praises. She admits Hao Ting is right, An Yin Zhu is a good man. But she and An Yin Zhu know each other too well. She even sleeps in the same bed as An Yin Zhu, but being lovers with An Yin Zhu hasn’t cross her mind.

Gu Tian Tian rubs her lips. Ever since the little bride incident, and An Yin Zhu kissing her in his car, she realise there’s something strange about their relationship.

Gu Tian Tian crawls into bed. She hasn’t had a good night sleep since An Yin Zhu kissed her. Even in her dreams, An Yin Zhu kisses her, and says, ‘I want to eat you because we’re close acquaintances.’

Gu Tian Tian rubs her lips again. She doesn’t hate An Yin Zhu’s kisses.

In the evening, An Yin Zhu calls Gu Tian Tian’s phone, and he invites her to dinner. She thinks about hiding, but knows it’s useless because he’ll find her. So she calmly agrees to dinner with him.

After dinner, An Yin Zhu takes Gu Tian Tian on a stroll on the infamous college couples’ scenic route. The college couples kissing on hilltops around her, puts her guard up.

Half way through the scenic route, An Yin Zhu pulls Gu Tian Tian behind a hill, but there are young couples kissing obviously behind the hill. He quickly takes the blushing Gu Tian Tian further along the scenic route.

‘Wait here for me, I’ll go get the car,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Um,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

By the time An Yin Zhu returns with the car, Gu Tian Tian realises her dangerous mistake.

‘I... I want to go back,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Get in the car,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian sits in the car, and regrets why she didn't run back to the female dorms. Why did she enter the same car An Yin Zhu kissed her for a long time?

Gu Tian Tian's thin skin is no match for An Yin Zhu's thick skin.

Nearby the college campus is the nicknamed Lovers' Mountain. Gu Tian Tian remembers Hao Ting mentioning to her about half the college male students invited their love interests to climb Lovers' Mountain. But An Yin Zhu didn't invite Gu Tian Tian, he one sidedly drives her half way up Lovers Mountain.

An Yin Zhu parks the car. Gu Tian Tian's heart panics because Lovers' Mountain is a remote place, ideal for secret lovers' trysts.

'Let's go sightseeing outside,' An Yin Zhu suggests.

Gu Tian Tian reasons it's safer sightseeing outside than inside An Yin Zhu's car.

It's a nice September day, An Yin Zhu holds Gu Tian Tian's hand along the mountain trail. She remembers all the times he held her hand in the past. When she was in primary school, he knew she's a slow runner so he held her hand and forced her to run fast with him. In high school, if he visited her country town, he held her hand and walked her to the high school front gate. But now, she's an adult and holding hands with him feels different than the past.

Gu Tian Tian wants to free her hand from An Yin Zhu's wide and warm hand, but he holds her hand tightly. She focuses on the sounds of nocturnal birds, the cool mountain wind, the tall trees, and his soothing voice.

'Tired?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian hates strenuous exercise. There's still a long way to the top of the mountain, but she's already puffing.

'Do you want me to carry you or piggy back you?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian remembers the many times An Yin Zhu carried her in the past. But him carrying her tonight is different, and makes her hesitate.

'I want you to carry me,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu carries Gu Tian Tian. It's too late to change her mind after being held in his arms. She doesn't want to him to think being close to him makes her self-conscious.

Ten minutes later, An Yin Zhu is puffing lightly, and Gu Tian Tian admits he has a healthy strong body. She chose him to carry her as petty revenge. She can't wait for him to die from exhaustion.

At the top of the mountain, An Yin Zhu's sweat falls on top of Gu Tian Tian's head. He puts her onto the ground, lays a small towel on the ground and sits on it.

'Where am I going to sit?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'There's nowhere left for you to sit except on my lap,' An Yin Zhu says.

If Gu Tian Tian can't make An Yin Zhu die from exhaustion then she can sit on him until he dies from numbness.

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OSL – Chapter Eleven



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Gu Tian Tian's bottom squashes An Yin Zhu's lap, and he laughs. He wraps an arm around her waist, an arm around her chest, pulls her back onto a comfortable position on his lap. She doesn't dare move because his arm is about two centimetres below her breasts.

Gu Tian Tian regrets forgetting she and An Yin Zhu are two different kinds of people. He's the kind with hands that can caress her backbone in public.

'I want to stand,' Gu Tian Tian says, and turns her head to give An Yin Zhu a dagger.

'It's comfortable for you to sit on my lap,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian wiggles on An Yin Zhu's lap, he holds her tighter, and kisses her lips. She stops wiggling, let him hold her on his lap and act like she feels the same as when he held her in the past.

Gu Tian Tian expects An Yi Zhu will walk her down the mountain after resting. She's wrong. His lips kisses the side of her face to her chin. She turns her face, he holds her face, and his lips move from her chin to her lips.

There are light poles along the mountain trail. But where An Yin Zhu and Gu Tian Tian are sitting, there's only light from the moon. She widens her eyes and looks at his handsome face under the moonlight. His eyes looks like an illusion,

like they're holding spring love.

Gu Tian Tian closes her eyes, but she can see An Yin Zhu's eyes clearer in her heart. There's something strange about the look in his eyes, she gasps and his tongue plays with her tongue. She fails to hide her weak tongue. He traps her tongue in his mouth.

A long time later, An Yin Zhu releases Gu Tian Tian's tongue and lips. Her hands covers her lips. Two seconds later, her head spins because his hands are fondling her breasts. When did his hands move to her breasts?

'You...' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian's hands presses against An Yin Zhu's intrusive hands. He smiles, and squeezes her soft breasts.

'Are you trapping my hands because you want to keep my hands in this position?' An Yin Zhu whispers in Gu Tian Tian's ear.

Gu Tian Tian lets go of An Yin Zhu's hands. A second later, he resumes fondling her breasts. She wants to bite off his smiling lips.

In the middle of the night, Gu Tian Tian sneaks into the female dorms like a thief. She lies in bed, her heart won't stop racing, and her head feels cluttered.

An Yin Zhu calls Gu Tian Tian's phone. She picks up because she doesn't want him to ring the landline phone.

'Are you inside?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'Yes,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu makes Gu Tian Tian frustrated. Who calls someone straight after dropping them off, and watching them safely enter their place?

'Um,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu's voice sounds seductive to Gu Tian Tian no matter what he says. Her ear feels hot. 'I'm hanging up. I want to go wash my face.'

'Um, sweet dreams,' An Yin Zhu says.

Sweet dreams? Gu Tian Tian doesn't doubt after what happened tonight, she's going to have nightmares.

At three in the morning, Gu Tian Tian didn't have nightmares because she didn't sleep since hanging up the phone. If she can't sleep, she's going to wake up the person responsible for her lack of sleep.

'What's wrong?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'What happened to you? Where are you?'

An Yin Zhu's sleepy voice wears off quickly after he realises it's Gu Tian Tian calling him. His sleepy voice turns into a worried voice.

'I'm still here,' Gu Tian Tian whispers under the bedsheet.

An Yin Zhu calms down, and lazily sits on the bed. 'Did you have a nightmare?'

'Um,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'I'll come pick you up,' An Yin Zhu says.

'Huh?' Gu Tian Tian asks. 'The dorm gates are locked.'

'I'll use my locksmith skills to unlock them,' An Yin Zhu says, and laughs.

Gu Tian Tian thinks about the time Mr. and Mrs. Gu dumped her at the An family's home. She left her school books in her bedroom, but she left her keys at home too. At the time, An Yin Zhu was a ten-year-old. She told An Yi Zhu what happened, and he used a metal clip to unlock the front door of her family home. Afterward, An Yi Zhu experimented with all the locked doors in his and her family homes. But Mrs. An caught An Yi Zhu in the act, and banned him from unlocking doors without keys.

Gu Tian Tian used to think An Yin Zhu was a locksmith god, and asked him to teach her how to unlock doors. He replied, 'How can someone who locks them self in the toilet, and asks a neighbor to climb through the bathroom window to save them, is capable of learning how to unlock doors?'

Gu Tian Tian didn't expect there's a day where An Yin Zhu will use his locksmith skills to unlock the female dorm gates. It feels like she's having a rendezvous with him in the middle of the night.

'Wait for me,' An Yin Zhu says. 'I'll call you when I get there.'

Gu Tian Tian heart races like she actually wants to see An Yin Zhu in the middle of the night. 'Don't come.'

‘I want to see you,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian heart races faster.

‘Xiao Tian, when you need me, and I’m the first person to appear in front of you, will it move your heart?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘No,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Heartless,’ An Yin Zhu jokes.

Gu Tian Tian hangs up her phone. She doesn’t know why her heart is racing, and making it hard for her to breathe.

Gu Tian Tian climbs out of bed. She uses the light shining through the window to change clothes, and brush her hair. She feels her racing heart, and remembers An Yin Zhu’s hands fondling her breasts on Lovers’ Mountain. She touches her breasts, and feels nothing. But when An Yin Zhu’s hands touched her breasts, she felt breathless.

Ten minutes later, Gu Tian Tian hears sounds of a familiar car engine. She frantically picks up her ringing phone. ‘Are you here?’

‘Um, come outside,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian creeps outside like a criminal. She considers going back to bed, but knows An Yin Zhu will come drag her out of bed.

Gu Tian Tian can’t see the tall figure clearly in the dark. But she senses the tall figure is An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu looks like a pond under the moonlight, whereas Gu Tian Tian feels like a fish in the pond.

Gu Tian Tian steps toward An Yin Zhu. Although they have known each other for years, it feels like it’s the first time she can see his face clearly.

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OSL – Chapter Twelve



Looking at An Yin Zhu's face, Gu Tian Tian is surprised she has a good memory. His self-praises replays in her head, 'I'm twenty-two this year. I'm handsome, I have a healthy body, I'm strong, I have connections, I'm responsibly managing my family business, last year I started a company, and you don't need to worry that I can't make money.'

Handsome? Gu Tian Tian thinks An Yin Zhu is handsome and the opposite of humble.

Healthy body? Gu Tian Tian can't confirm if An Yin Zhu has a healthy body under his clothes.

Strong? Gu Tian Tian has already experienced An Yin Zhu's strength.

Gu Tian Tian didn't get to think about An Yin Zhu's ability to make money because he impatiently wants to leave with her.

'Let's go,' An Yin Zhu says, and holds Gu Tian Tian's hand.

Holding An Yin Zhu's warm hand makes Gu Tian Tian blush. She is grateful the night sky is hiding her blush.

An Yin Zhu holds Gu Tian Tian toward the car parked outside the gates. She notices how they lift their legs, their feet touch the ground and the pace they walk are in sync... like they have been training to walk the same way for years.

Gu Tian Tian feels like the distance between her and An Yin Zhu has shrunk. It doesn't matter how many good traits An Yin Zhu has or how many good traits she lacks. Whether he's rich or poor, as long as they continue to treat each other well is what matters. She can put aside the times An Yin Zhu was mean to her, because since he's an adult, he has treated her well.

Gu Tian Tian wonders if Mrs. An will receive a shock if An Yin Zhu brings her back to the An family condo in the middle of the night.

'What are you thinking about?' An Yin Zhu asks.

An Yin Zhu opens the passenger door for Gu Tian Tian. They sit in the car, he lifts her chin, but she turns her head to the side and looks out the window because she doesn't want him to read her thoughts.

'Nothing,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'Where are we going?'

An Yin Zhu looks at the time on his wrist watch. 'We can watch the sunrise on top of the mountain. If you want to watch a movie, there's cinemas that are opened at this time. We can go for a walk or go home and sleep.'

Exercising doesn't sound appealing to Gu Tian Tian's lack of sleep state. But An Yin Zhu's way of saying sleep doesn't sound like good intentions.

'Watch a movie,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu drives away from the college campus. Gu Tian Tian looks out the window, and her logic begins to awaken.

'Aren't you sleepy?' Gu Tian Tian asks, turns her head and looks at An Yin Zhu.

'I was sleepy, but my body's recharged after seeing you,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian feels like she's cornered to a dead end. How is she supposed to make small talk from An Yin Zhu's sweet talk? She chooses to look out the window again.

'Does the moon look more attractive than my face?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian turns her head back toward An Yin Zhu. ‘Shameless.’

‘If you want to see beautiful scenery, just look at me,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘If I want to see beautiful scenery, of course I won’t look at you,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Then you don’t need to see beautiful scenery,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian didn’t expect An Yin Zhu’s ego is limitless.

At the cinemas at four in the morning, An Yin Zhu buys caramel popcorn and sweet snacks for Gu Tian Tian. He holds her hand toward the cinema room.

‘I’m not a kid, you don’t need to hold my hand everywhere we go,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu keeps holding Gu Tian Tian’s hand, and smiles. ‘If you’re not a kid, let’s do some adult activities.’

Gu Tian Tian is scared of An Yin Zhu’s smile. ‘I’m still a kid.’

‘You’re not a kid anymore,’ An Yin Zhu says, and his eyes lingers on Gu Tian Tian’s chest.

Gu Tian Tian can’t win against An Yin Zhu’s innuendos. She looks at the safe floor.

Gu Tian Tian chose a romantic movie. In the cinema room, she watches the movie and eats the bucket of caramel popcorn on her lap. An Yin Zhu reaches over her side, and grabs caramel popcorn.

‘Don’t you hate eating sweet food?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘The delicious way you eat the caramel popcorn makes me want to taste it,’ An Yin Zhu says, and drapes an arm around Gu Tian Tian’s shoulder. ‘I hate eating sweet food. But I love eating your sweet mouth.’

Gu Tian Tian looks back at the screen, and pretends she’s deaf.

At the climax of the romantic movie, the male lead and female lead are kissing each other. Gu Tian Tian’s eyes naturally gravitates toward An Yin Zhu’s face. He catches her staring, and she quickly looks back at the screen. He grabs the bucket of caramel popcorn from her lap, puts it aside, holds her face and kisses

her soft lips.

Gu Tian Tian should have known she's not safe even in a cinema room with a couple of witnesses sitting near her row, because An Yin Zhu chose the lovers' row at the back of the cinema.

Gu Tian Tian closes her eyes, An Yin Zhu pushes her cinema seat down, and lies on top of her as though they're watching a movie on a sofa at home.

Gu Tian Tian opens her eyes, checks the cinema room if anyone is looking at An Yin Zhu lying on top of her, and kissing her. Lucky the couple of witnesses left the cinema room.

Gu Tian Tian mourns her first, second and third kisses taken by An Yin Zhu.

'You took my first kiss,' Gu Tian Tian whispers.

'First kiss?' An Yin Zhu asks, and laughs. 'Gu Tian Tian, do you have a bad memory? You lost your first kiss when you were five.'

'What do you mean?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'When you were five, we started playing bride and groom,' An Yin Zhu says.

Who wants to play bride and groom with An Yin Zhu? Gu Tian Tian wants to protest, the eight-year-old An Yin Zhu forced her to play bride and groom.

'That doesn't count,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'If you say so,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Don't forget, when you were five, you promised you'll marry me when you're an adult.'

'I don't remember,' Gu Tian Tian denies.

An Yin Zhu lets Gu Tian Tian deny the truth. 'What about when you were eight? We went swimming, and you almost drowned. I saved you, and gave you mouth to mouth. Doesn't that count as your first kiss?'

Gu Tian Tian finally realises what a disadvantage it is to grow up with An Yin Zhu. He remembers all of the past events in her life.

'Gu Xiao Zhu, how are you going to repay me for saving your life when you were eight?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian is speechless.

‘What about when I saved you from being kidnapped when you were four?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘What about when you choked on your food when you were five? I piggy backed you to the hospital. When you were six, you locked yourself in the toilet. I climbed through the bathroom window to save you. How are you going to repay me for saving your life many times?’

Gu Tian Tian hears repaying An Yin Zhu for saving her life, and wishes she can faint right now.

Gu Tian Tian covers An Yin Zhu’s mouth. He pulls her hand away, and kisses her lips.

‘Putting aside repayment for saving your life for now,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘What about the years I sacrificed my allowance to buy you junk food? How are you going to repay me now?’

Gu Tian Tian wants to protests that every time she cried to stop An Yin Zhu teasing her, he bought her junk food to cheer her up.

‘Hey, I didn’t force you to buy me junk food,’ Gu Tian Tian says softly.

An Yin Zhu ignores Gu Tian Tian’s excuses. ‘Let’s get engaged first. In two years we can get married. But I prefer it if we skip the engagement, and get married straight away somewhere overseas like in Hong Kong.’

Gu Tian Tian’s mouth gapes open, and looks confusedly at An Yin Zhu’s serious face.

An Yin Zhu takes out a small coffee colored box from his pants pocket. Gu Tian Tian’s wide opened eyes watches him open the box, take out a diamond ring and put it on her ring finger.

An Yin Zhu is satisfied the diamond ring fits Gu Tian Tian’s ring finger.

‘In the morning, I’ll inform our parents about our engagement,’ An Yin Zhu says.

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OSL – Chapter Thirteen



Gu Tian Tian vows even if she hits rock bottom, she shouldn't call An Yin Zhu and watch a movie with him in the middle of the night.

Gu Tian Tian struggles to take off the diamond ring from her ring finger. An Yin Zhu watches idly, and doesn't stop her.

'If you can't take off the ring, wear it,' An Yin Zhu says.

'What do you mean?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'I'm proposing,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu hugs Gu Tian Tian who is in a state of shock.

'Gu Xiao Zhu, don't you feel anything toward me?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian has flashback memories about An Yin Zhu. Before she was a nine-year-old, she and An Yin Zhu were a mischievous pair of kids. She admits, he took good care of her as well as teasing her. When they were neighbors, she spent more time with him than with her parents.

When the boy An Yin Zhu found out Gu Tian Tian was moving to a country town, he asked her if she wanted to move. She thought he wanted her to leave, and lied that she wanted to move and added that there wouldn't be a bully like him in her life.

'Little girl, you can stay with my family if you don't want to go,' the boy An Yin Zhu says. 'I promise I won't bully again.'

Gu Tian Tian didn't want to separate from her parents, she shook her head and rejected the boy An Yin Zhu's offer. Before she moved to the country town, he ignored her at school and they became strangers. She said farewell with her school friends, but it was An Yin Zhu who she missed when she moved to the country town.

In the country town, Gu Tian Tian didn't have An Yin Zhu to hold her hand when crossing the road, buy snacks for her, tease and help brush her hair. She knew the country town was miles away from the city, and she couldn't see him.

At the start, Gu Tian Tian was quiet in her new country town home. Mrs. Gu knew Gu Tian Tian was missing their old home. But Gu Tian Tian felt sad because she missed seeing An Yin Zhu every day, even if he used to tease her.

When Gu Tian Tian had trouble settling in her new home, she received a phone call from An Yin Zhu.

'Gu Xiao Zhu, do you actually think you can escape me if you move to a country town?' the boy An Yin Zhu asks. 'Wipe that foolish thought away. You have to call me every day. Did you hear me?'

'Why do I have to call you?' the little girl Gu Tian Tian asks.

'Little girl, you're my servant,' the boy An Yin Zhu says. 'Of course you need to report to your master.'

Gu Tian Tian talked to An Yin Zhu on the phone every day until she graduated from primary school.

One day, An Yin Zhu appeared out of the blue in her living room, chatting with Mrs. Gu like old times. She didn't expect An Yin Zhu would change into a tall, handsome and confident fifteen-year-old during the period they were separated. She thought An Yin Zhu looked more handsome than the most handsome boy in her primary school.

'Tian Tian, come here,' Mrs. Gu says. 'Do you remember big brother Yin Zhu?'

Mrs. Gu didn't know Gu Tian Tian secretly chatted with An Yin Zhu on the phone and video chatted with him online. When Gu Tian Tian video chatted with An Yin Zhu, she showed her face but he hid his face from the camera, which was why she didn't immediately recognise the handsome fifteen-year-old An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian was excited to be see An Yin Zhu again, but she hid her excitement from Mrs. Gu, and replied she remembered An Yin Zhu indifferently. Since that day, An Yin Zhu spent at least one month at her country town home during school holidays. Gu Tian Tian's classmates assumed An Yin Zhu was her boyfriend from the city. Gu Tian Tian said that An Yin Zhu wasn't her boyfriend, and her classmates asked her what her relationship with him was if he wasn't her boyfriend.

Gu Tian Tian didn't know how to answer her classmates. She and An Yin Zhu grew up together. They used to fight and make up every day. She didn't feel like it was accurate to say they were close friends. Then her classmates asked her if An Yin Zhu was her childhood sweetheart. She blushed, and denied An Yin Zhu was her childhood sweetheart.

When Lam Cheng appeared in the picture, An Yin Zhu kicked Lam Cheng out of the picture through tutoring sessions.

'Chi Si Zhu, you're not my mother,' the little girl Gu Tian Tian says. 'Why do I have to listen to you?'

An Yin Zhu smiled at Gu Tian Tian, and he persuaded Mrs. Gu to let him tutor her to help her get admitted into a private city college. Gu Tian Tian felt Mrs. Gu wasn't her biological mother, and she was jealous Mrs. Gu loved An Yin Zhu more than her.

An Yin Zhu's voice lured Gu Tian Tian out of past memories.

'Gu Xiao Zhu, don't you feel anything toward me?' An Yin Zhu repeats.

'Yes, I feel something toward you,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu's eyes light up in anticipation.

'I feel envy and resentment toward you,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'I'm not asking about that kind of feelings toward me,' An Yin Zhu says.

'What feelings are you asking about?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu kisses Gu Tian Tian's lips. 'What do you feel toward me?'

'I feel your shamelessness,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu looks frustrated for two seconds. Then he kisses Gu Tian Tian breathless.

‘What do you feel toward me now?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘I feel I need to report you to the police,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu passes his phone to Gu Tian Tian. ‘Go ahead and report me to the police.’

Gu Tian Tian should have known nothing she says can shock An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian returns An Yin Zhu’s phone. He pulls her onto his lap, and they watch the end of the movie. But she can’t recall one word from the movie.

‘I like you,’ An Yin Zhu whispers in Gu Tian Tian’s ear. ‘Do you like me?’

‘Do you propose to every one you like?’ Gu Tian Tian asks. ‘Do you buy a diamond ring for every one you like, and force them to wear it on their ring finger?’

An Yin Zhu’s hands cups Gu Tian Tian’s face. ‘I should have been more specific. Gu Xiao Zhu, I don’t like you, I love you. Gu Xiao Zhu, you’re the only person I love. This is my first time proposing. Wait here for me.’

Gu Tian Tian’s head spins again. She gasps, and wants to call An Yin Zhu to come back. But he runs out the cinema room too fast.

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OSL – Chapter Fourteen

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Gu Tian Tian touches her flaming cheeks. Lucky the dark cinema room hid her face. She raises her left hand, and the beautiful diamond ring sparkles.

Gu Tian Tian's head is conflicted. She does feel envy and resentment toward An Yin Zhu. She does think he's a thick skinned person, who proposes insincerely, but... if she has no feelings toward him, she wouldn't react strangely to being called his little bride.

Gu Tian Tian doesn't hate An Yin Zhu kissing her. She doesn't know why his presence creates havoc in her heart. She stares at the cinema screen for twenty minutes.

An Yin Zhu returns to the cinema room with a bouquet of flowers, and makes Gu Tian Tian's head as confused as her heart.

An Yin Zhu gives the bouquet of flowers to Gu Tian Tian, he kneels in front of her, and presents her with an identical diamond ring to the first diamond ring he gave her. He holds her left hand, and slides the identical diamond ring onto her ring finger.

'Marry me,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian glances at the two identical diamond rings on her ring finger, and doesn't know what to say. What sort of person, puts two diamond rings on

someone's ring finger and calls it a proposal? She lets An Yin Zhu kneel for a long time.

'Marry me,' An Yin Zhu repeats.

'I don't want to,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Oh,' An Yin Zhu says calmly. He stands up, sits next to Gu Tian Tian and hugs her. 'During your winter holiday, let's get married overseas and go to your favorite city, Paris for our honeymoon.'

How is Gu Tian Tian supposed to reply to An Yin Zhu's presumptuous suggestion when she didn't say yes to his proposal?

'I'll drive you back to the condo,' An Yin Zhu says.

'No,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'I don't want to give your mum a shock in the middle of the night.'

'Then I'll drive you back to the dorms,' An Yin Zhu says.

'No, I don't want my friends to speculate why I snuck out in the middle of the night,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'I'll take you to my hotel,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian rolls her eyes. Hotel? She's not sleepy enough to gift wrap her body to An Yin Zhu's mouth in a hotel room. But she is sleep deprived. How is she supposed to sleep after he gave her two diamond rings?

'I'm renting a condo near campus,' An Yin Zhu says. 'I'll take you back to my condo.'

Gu Tian Tian's sleepiness disappears. She heard from Hao Ting that many college couples rents out apartments near campus to... xxoo. In the past, she didn't ask An Yin Zhu about his love life, but she's curious why he hid his secret condo from her.

'Why didn't you mention about your condo to me sooner?' Gu Tian Tian asks suspiciously.

'Last year, Chen Kai Hua and I wanted a convenient place near our company to rest during busy days,' An Yin Zhu explains.

‘Oh,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘Then let’s go to your condo.’

On the way to An Yin Zhu’s condo, Gu Tian Tian considers asking him about his love life. But his scary smile changes her mind, she’s better off asking Hao Ting about gossip about his love life.

Inside An Yin Zhu’s condo, Gu Tian Tian realises it’s no different from spending the night with An Yin Zhu in a hotel room.

‘Where am I sleeping?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘My bedroom,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘What about you?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Sleeping next to you,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘It’s not the first time we slept on the same bed together. Don’t worry, I’ll behave before our wedding night.’

Gu Tian Tian walks shyly to the bathroom, and stares at her blushing face in the mirror.

‘Open the door,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘I brought you a toothbrush and a face towel.’

Gu Tian Tian opens the bathroom door, grabs the toothbrush and face towel and closes the door. She hides out in the bathroom for half a day.

‘Do you want to shower?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘You can borrow my clothes. Later, I’ll ask someone to deliver an outfit for you.’

Gu Tian Tian opens the bathroom door again, grabs An Yin Zhu’s T-shirt and closes the door again. She showers, and puts on his T-shirt. She realises he didn’t give her clean underwear.

Gu Tian Tian washes her underwear because it has a strange odor from the cinemas. She can’t wear wet underwear.

A grumpy and sleep deprived Gu Tian Tian walks out of the bathroom. ‘I don’t have clean underwear.’

An Yin Zhu smiles. ‘Do you want to borrow my clean underwear?’

Gu Tian Tian sighs helplessly. ‘Yes.’

An Yin Zhu teases the grumpy Gu Tian Tian. ‘I wanted to take you back to my

family condo, but you refused. I suggested taking you back to campus or to my hotel, but you chose to come here.'

Gu Tian Tian rolls her eyes at An Yin Zhu again. The An Hotel is no different than him taking her back to his family condo. She yawns, sits on the bed and notices An Yin Zhu is staring at her strangely. She looks down at the T-shirt that is wet from her wet hair, which outlines her breasts. She quickly lies on the bed, and pulls the bedsheet over her body.

An Yin Zhu ignores Gu Tian Tian's daggers, and pulls her up in a sitting position. 'Blow dry your hair before sleeping.'

An Yin Zhu showers in the bathroom while Gu Tian Tian blows dry her hair.

An Yin Zhu comes out of the bathroom, grabs the hair dryer from the sleeping Gu Tian Tian, and blow dries his hair. Then he lies next to her on the bed, and hugs her.

In the afternoon, Gu Tian Tian wakes up and sees An Yin Zhu sleeping while hugging her. She nudges him awake. 'Why are you hugging me in your sleep?'

'You rolled onto my arms,' An Yin Zhu denies.

Gu Tian Tian is speechless. Every time she and An Yin Zhu slept together, she wakes up in his arms. She's uncertain if rolled onto his arms in her sleep. But sleeping with him this time was different because the T-shirt rode up to her breasts. She quickly pulls down the T-shirt.

In the evening, An Yin Zhu eats dinner with Gu Tian Tian at a restaurant. They go for a walk after dinner before he takes her back to the female dorms.

'If you can't sleep, call me and I'll come pick you up,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian enters the female dorms, and Hao Ting teases her.

'You went missing for the whole day, I was about to report you were kidnapped,' Hao Ting teases.

Gu Tian Tian smiles at Hao Ting, and sits next to Hao Ting. 'Hao Ting, have you heard gossip about him having a girlfriend in the past?'

'Who?' Hao Ting plays dumb. 'You need to be specific.'

‘An Yin Zhu!’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Hao Ting laughs. ‘I asked about Mr. An’s past girlfriends on your behalf. There are many women who wants to date Mr. An. But Mr. An turned them down, and tells them he has a girlfriend. No one believes Mr. An, because no one has met his girlfriend.’

Gu Tian Tian remembers An Yin Zhu never denied he’s her boyfriend whenever people mistake him as her boyfriend.

Gu Tian Tian glances at her left hand. ‘Aya!’

Gu Tian Tian left the diamond rings in the bathroom at An Yin Zhu’s condo last night.

‘What’s wrong?’ Hao Ting asks.

‘I forgot the...’ Gu Tian Tian stammers.

Gu Tian Tian doesn’t know how to explain her situation. She hasn’t accepted An Yin Zhu’s proposal, and intends to give back the diamond rings to him.

The next day’s Friday, An Yin Zhu calls Gu Tian Tian’s phone early in the morning to exercise and eat breakfast.

Gu Tian Tian changes clothes, and meets An Yin Zhu outside. She doesn’t know what the status of their relationship is. Lovers? They’re not dating, but he proposed to her out of the blue. Fiance? How can he be her fiance if she hasn’t accepted his proposal?

Gu Tian Tian believes it’s An Yin Zhu’s fault for making her lose sleep thinking about him all night long. She admits, he is good husband material, but... she’s too young to get married. Besides, he’s like a different person than he was a month ago. It’s too much for her to process. She doesn’t know what her true feelings toward him are or what his true feelings toward her are.

Gu Tian Tian chews on the straw from the soy bean milk glass she’s drinking. ‘Chi Si Zhu, in your eyes, what am I to you?’

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Gu Tian Tian used to think An Yin Zhu is worldlier than her because he's older. But now she knows he can cunningly corner someone into a dead end. She can't escape out of the dead end unless she cries like a little girl.

'Chi Si Zhu, are you playing me for your amusement, because you can't find a girlfriend?' Gu Tian Tian asks. 'No matter how acquainted we are, I'm not going to be played by you.'

'Are we close acquaintances?' An Yin Zhu asks, and elegantly bites a bun like it's a gourmet dish.

Gu Tian Tian feels like An Yin Zhu is throwing her words back at her.

'True, we're not close,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'We only slept together on the same bed the other night.'

'It's good you remember,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian fails to throw An Yin Zhu's words back at him. It must be the difference between their wittiness. If they get... no, she doesn't want to do that with him because she'll be mocked for the rest of her life.

Lam Cheng's a better choice since he'll be on the mocking end instead of Gu Tian Tian.

After breakfast, Gu Tian Tian decides to distance herself from An Yin Zhu.

Nothing happens as planned in Gu Tian Tian's life. An Yin Zhu walks her to class, and takes out a familiar small box. She freaks out, and is in disbelief at what he's doing in public.

An Yin Zhu takes pleasure in putting a diamond ring on Gu Tian Tian's ring finger.

'If you scream, I'll propose to you in front of everyone,' An Yin Zhu says, and Gu Tian Tian stops shaking her left hand. 'In the future, every time you take off your engagement ring, I'll propose to you again.'

Gu Tian Tian says nothing.

Gu Tian Tian attends class, but doesn't take off the diamond ring.

After class, Hao Ting congratulates Gu Tian Tian.

'When are you and Mr. An getting married?' Hao Ting asks.

'Hao Ting, this isn't an engagement, this is blackmailing a good girl into marriage,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Tian Tian, remember you need to hold onto a good man,' Hao Ting says, and passes a novel to Gu Tian Tian. 'Read it. See if it'll help you accept your situation.'

Gu Tian Tian reads the novel *Lion At Home* by Jia Qu Tian Cheng.

'Is it too late for me to learn Taekwondo?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'It's too late for you to learn Taekwondo,' Hao Ting says. 'It's not too late for you to become a better actor. When you can't win a verbal fight with Mr. An, you can pull faces like you're in pain for him to see.'

At lunch time, An Yin Zhu takes a walk with Gu Tian Tian. She looks at the sceneries, and acts like he's invisible.

'What's wrong?' An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian looks at the ground. She lets An Yin Zhu hold her hand since it's better than him groping her chest in public. She can't win against him, but as long as he blackmails her into marriage, she will act like he's invisible.

An Yin Zhu holds Gu Tian Tian's face close to his face.

‘Is your step-aunt visiting you?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian coughs like she’s choking on her saliva.

An Yin Zhu holds Gu Tian Tian’s hand, and walks with her to the cafeteria. She sits at a table, and waits for him to bring a tray of food for them to eat lunch.

An Yin Zhu returns to the table with a bowl of pork congee and apple dates.

Gu Tian Tian accepts the bowl from An Yin Zhu. It’s one of her least favorite dishes, but it’s a considerate gesture from him to buy her a healthy meal when he thinks she has her period.

‘Is your stomach hurting?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘My step-aunt hasn’t arrived,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘I know,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Then why did you buy me pork congee and apple dates?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Because I know you won’t keep ignoring me, and glare at me,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian can’t fight against An Yin Zhu’s wits. She chooses silence, and eats the pork congee and apple dates.

An Yin Zhu wishes he can easily read Gu Tian Tian’s thoughts like he used to before their relationship progressed. He looks at her using chopsticks to poke a pork blood sausage. He wonders whether she has feelings toward him after knowing each other for more than ten years. Perhaps, his proposal is too sudden, and she needs time to accept his feelings. What matters is that they belong together.

After lunch, Gu Tian Tian practices a duet performance with Lam Cheng, and she ignores An Yin Zhu’s phone calls.

An Yin Zhu calls the landline, and Hao Ting picks up.

‘Where is she?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘Tian Tian is having a practice session with Lam Cheng,’ Hao Ting says.

An Yin Zhu walks to a music room where Gu Tian Tian is sitting opposite Lam Cheng. She’s chatting, smiling warmly at Lam Cheng and ignoring An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu puts his hands into his pants pockets, and commends Gu Tian Tian's courage. She dares act like he's dead.

Lam Cheng notices An Yin Zhu first. Gu Tian Tian follows Lam Cheng's gaze, and finally sees An Yin Zhu. An Yin Zhu looks at her left hand that is missing a diamond ring, and her smile disappears.

An Yin Zhu smiles at Gu Tian Tian. He takes out another familiar box, and she's worried he'll use the identical diamond ring to propose to her in front of Lam Cheng.

'Come here,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian wonders what happens if An Yin Zhu proposes, and she rejects him. He won't be embarrassed, but she'll be embarrassed.

Gu Tian Tian walks to An Yin Zhu. The difference in their wits is as visible as their height difference.

An Yin Zhu puts the box back in his pants pocket, holds Gu Tian Tian's hand and smiles at her.

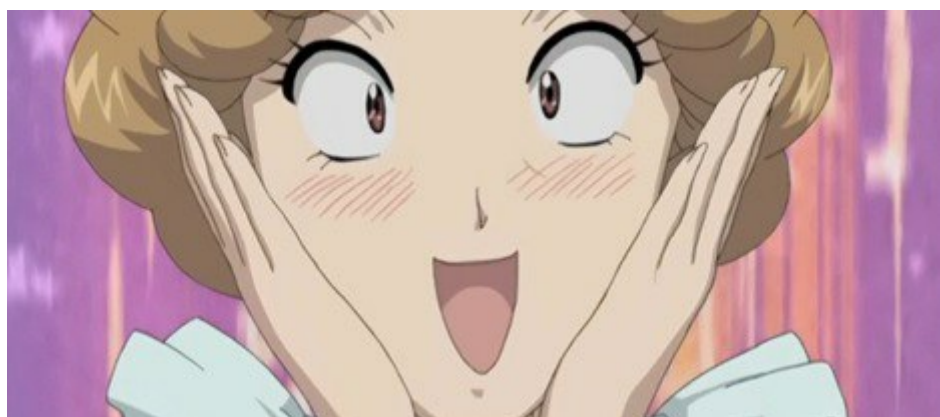
'Let's go home and eat dinner,' An Yin Zhu says. 'My mum said she wants to go shopping with you after dinner.'

Gu Tian Tian looks back at Lam Cheng, and she knows her chance to date Lam Cheng is gone.

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OSL – Chapter Sixteen



An Yin Zhu walks with Gu Tian Tian outside the music room. He's like a paparazzi's main attraction, whenever he's out in public, eyes will follow him. She didn't pull her hand away from him because she didn't want to embarrass him in public out of consideration they're childhood friends.

Gu Tian Tian waits until she and An Yin Zhu are in a secluded place on campus, and pulls her hand away from his hand. He holds her hand, and takes her to the car.

Gu Tian Tian remembers feeling guilty briefly when she practiced with Lam Cheng in the music room. But her guiltiness past quickly, and she practiced the duet without a hitch.

Gu Tian Tian hesitates getting in the car.

'Call my mum if you don't want to come home with me,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu drives off without Gu Tian Tian. She waves the exhaust smoke away from her face. Is he angry? Call Mrs. An? Of course she can't disappoint Mrs. An. She walks to the bus stop because her free ride is gone.

Gu Tian Tian watches seven full buses leave, and curses the petty An Yin Zhu. She reads on her phone to kill time while waiting for the next free bus.

Gu Tian Tian's lost free ride returns.

'Get in,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian has pride too. She pretends she can't see or hear An Yin Zhu.

'Gu Xiao Zhu,' An Yin Zhu calls.

Gu Tian Tian doesn't want An Yin Zhu to embarrass her at the bus stop. She grudgingly gets in the car.

Gu Tian Tian doesn't understand why she and An Yin Zhu are only three years apart, they grew up eating the same food and have similar hobbies but they're total opposites.

'Where's your engagement ring?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'I took it off when I was washing my clothes,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu takes out the box, and gives it to Gu Tian Tian.

'Wear your engagement ring,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian wonders how many identical diamond rings An Yin Zhu bought. She hasn't accepted An Yin Zhu's proposal, which means they're not engaged and there's no reason for her to feel guilty practicing a duet with Lam Cheng.

Gu Tian Tian thinks she lost her mind because she wears the diamond ring on her ring finger.

Gu Tian Tian looks at An Yin Zhu's hands on the steering wheel. She notices on his ring finger is a masculine engagement ring similar to the diamond ring she's wearing.

Gu Tian Tian's body burns up, and she looks outside the window. Why is her relationship with An Yin Zhu still unclear?

Gu Tian Tian feels like it's not long ago when An Yin Zhu chased her around and teased her until she cried. He told her that her parents don't want to take care of her, which was why he babysat her and she needs to repay him when she's an adult because he took care of her for years.

An Yin Zhu parks the car in the residential underground parking. Gu Tian Tian waits for him on the ground floor like how she waited in front of his classroom after school when they were in primary school.

Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu enters the An family condo, and Mrs. An takes Gu

Tian Tian hostage in the kitchen.

‘Xiao Tian, are you used to college life yet?’ Mrs. An asks.

‘Yes mummy An,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Mrs. An looks at Gu Tian Tian’s diamond ring, and smiles.

‘The little boy knows how to work fast,’ Mrs. Gu says. ‘Xiao Tian, do you and Yin Zhu want to be engaged first? I’ll call your parents to make plans.’

Mrs. An washes her hands, and excitedly calls Mrs. Gu.

Gu Tian Tian has no chance to clear the misunderstanding, and walks resentfully out of the kitchen. Gu Tian Tian fell into An Yin Zhu’s trap again.

Gu Tian Tian grits her teeth in the living room, and hears Mrs. An laughing merrily with Mrs. Gu over Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu’s engagement news.

An Yin Zhu sits on the sofa, smiles at Gu Tian Tian and she glares back at him while eavesdropping on Mrs. An and Mrs. Gu’s conversation over the phone.

‘Yes, the little boy hasn’t changed,’ Mrs. An says. ‘Little sister Gu, you and little brother Gu should visit soon, and we can sit together to plan.’

Gu Tian Tian has fallen deep into An Yin Zhu’s trap, and can’t escape.

‘Chi Si Zhu, did you tell your mum?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘All I said to our parents is that I plan to propose to you tonight,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian wants to take off the diamond ring and use it to scratch An Yin Zhu’s face. What proposal? He proposed to her nights ago, but fooled their parents. He forced her to wear the identical diamond rings he bought her, and has the nerve to say to their parents he plans to propose to her tonight. He even prepared another bouquet of flowers.

Gu Tian Tian understands why Mrs. An took one look at the diamond ring, and Mrs. An knew An Yin Zhu popped the question.

‘Little sister Gu, should we plan a western style wedding or a traditional wedding for Xiao Tian and Yin Zhu?’ Mrs. An asks.

Gu Tian Tian feels utterly trapped.

An Yin Zhu pulls Gu Tian Tian on the sofa next to him. He holds her face and reassures her.

‘You don’t need to worry about us getting married,’ An Yin Zhu says.

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OSL – Chapter Seventeen

‘Come to my bedroom, I want to talk with you privately,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu follows Gu Tian Tian to her pink bedroom, and she firmly closes the door.

‘What do you want?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu sits on a pink sofa, and crosses his legs.

‘I want to marry you,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Marry? If Gu Tian Tian’s hands aren’t small compared to An Yin Zhu’s big pig head then she would slap him.

‘Did I say yes?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Didn’t you wear the engagement ring yourself?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian takes off the diamond ring, and puts it on a table.

‘Hurry up and explain the truth to your mum,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘You can explain to my mum yourself,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian looks down at An Yin Zhu.

‘Do you hate me?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian looks at An Yin Zhu pursing his lips, creasing his forehead and his eyes looking straight into her eyes like he wants to see what she’s thinking. Does she hate or love him? The truth is she needs time to figure out what her feelings

are toward him.

‘I...’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian thinks she’s hallucinating because there’s a second flicker of heartbreak on An Yin Zhu’s face.

‘It’s your choice,’ An Yin Zhu says, and stands up.

Gu Tian Tian watches An Yin Zhu leave. She flops onto the pink bed, and doesn’t know how to explain to Mrs. An. It’s unlike An Yin Zhu to let her make the final decision.

Now that Mr. and Mrs. An, Mr. and Mrs. Gu knows about An Yin Zhu’s proposal, Gu Tian Tian is worried the relationship between the two families will suffer if Gu Tian Tian explains the truth.

Mrs. An calls Gu Tian Tian downstairs to eat dinner.

During dinner, Mrs. An talks animatedly about Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu’s wedding plans. But An Yin Zhu eats dinner quietly like he’s not the future groom.

‘Xiao Tian, when do you want to marry Yin Zhu?’ Mrs. An asks. ‘Xiao Tian, the sooner you marry Yin Zhu, the sooner you can have babies. When yours and Yin Zhu’s babies grow up, you’ll still be a young mother, and people will think you’re their older sister. There’s plenty of time for you and Yin Zhu to get married since you’re both young.’

‘Mummy An, I feel I’m too young...’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Not too young to get married and have babies,’ Mrs. An says. ‘I got married and had this little boy when I was seventeen. If you and Yin Zhu get married soon and have babies, no one will think I’m a young forty-year-old grandma, and they’ll mistake me for their aunt.’

Gu Tian Tian agrees Mrs. An looks like a young woman who turned thirty instead of forty because Mrs. An has youthful looks and wears stylish clothes. Mrs. Gu is younger than Mrs. An by seven years, but Mrs. Gu looks older because of illness.

Gu Tian Tian considers the benefits of being a young mum if she marries An Yin Zhu soon. Gu Tian Tian shakes her irrational head. Even if Mrs. An will be a

dotting grandma, and Gu Tian Tian won't need to hire a babysitter, Gu Tian Tian feels she's too young to get married.

Gu Tian Tian feels exhausted after dinner. She walks to her bedroom, and calls Mrs. Gu's phone.

'Mum, I don't want to get married at a young age,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Tian Tian, I agree you're too young to get married,' Mrs. Gu says. 'You need to graduate from college. But mummy An is right that if you and Xiao Zhu get married, mummy An will take care of yours and Yin Zhu's babies, and you and Xiao Zhu can study and work.'

'Mum, what's important is that I don't know if I want to marry An Yin Zhu,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Gu Tian Tian, what are you saying?' Mrs. Gu asks. 'Are you and Xiao Zhu fighting? A minute ago, mummy An called and told me the good news about yours and Xiao Zhu's engagement. But a minute later, you're saying you don't want to get married. Little girl, marriage isn't a joke.'

Gu Tian Tian explains her doubts about marrying An Yin Zhu to Mrs. Gu.

'Tian Tian, you're young, you don't know what is good and bad for you,' Mrs. Gu says. 'Think about it, I watched Xiao Zhu grow up. If Xiao Zhu's a bad man, do you think I'll give my blessing to let him marry you?'

'Mum, I'm not saying An Yin Zhu's a bad man,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian feels like Mrs. Gu cherishes An Yin Zhu more than Mrs. Gu cherishes Gu Tian Tian.

'Then why don't you want to marry Xiao Zhu?' Mrs. Gu asks.

'Mum, I don't feel my feelings toward An Yin Zhu is at the stage where I want to marry him,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Oh, you're saying you don't want to marry Xiao Zhu soon,' Mrs. Gu says. 'Little girl, where are you going to find a good man like Xiao Zhu? It's OK, if you and Xiao Zhu have an engagement first.'

Gu Tian Tian looks at her phone, and old feelings resurface like jealousy toward An Yin Zhu monopolising Mrs. Gu's love.

Gu Tian Tian hangs up the phone, and lies on her bed. She doesn't hate An Yin Zhu. Her heart felt uneasy when An Yin Zhu didn't say anything during dinner.

Gu Tian Tian jumps off the bed, and walks to the living room to find An Yin Zhu, but he's not there. She looks for him in his bedroom, he's not there either. She calls his phone, no one picks up. She resorts to asking Mrs. An where he is.

'Mummy An, where's big brother Yin Zhu?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'Isn't he in his room?' Mrs. An asks.

Gu Tian Tian knows she needs to explain the truth to Mrs. An, but she doesn't know how.

Gu Tian Tian walks to An Yin Zhu's bedroom again. She hears running water from the bathroom. She walks to the bathroom door, and it suddenly opens. She closes her eyes, and denies seeing anything.

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OSL – Chapter Eighteen



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A wet towel covers Gu Tian Tian's face, but she doesn't dare pull down the wet towel because An Yin Zhu is naked.

Gu Tian Tian takes one step back to the door, An Yin Zhu holds her hand and guides her to the bed.

'Sit here first,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian sits on the bed and doesn't make a sound. She hears An Yin Zhu put on clothes, and her face reddens. Where can she hide her embarrassment?

Minutes later, An Yin Zhu's footsteps makes Gu Tian Tian's heart pound. He sits on the bed, pulls the wet towel onto her head and she sees light again.

'I think a traditional wedding isn't a bad suggestion,' An Yin Zhu teases.

An Yin Zhu's damp hands caresses Gu Tian Tian's hot face from her forehead to her jaw. He arches his back, and kisses her lips. A second later she reacts, and mumbles sounds in his mouth.

An Yin Zhu and Gu Tian Tian falls onto the bed together. Having him kiss her lips while the wet towel is on her head does feel like a traditional wedding night

where the groom raises the bride's red veil.

Ten seconds later, Mrs. An opens the bedroom door.

'Aya, continue,' Mrs. An says, walks out the bedroom and closes the door.
'Next time remember to lock the door.'

An Yin Zhu lets go of Gu Tian Tian. She stares at the ceiling. Why didn't she jump off the bed, and run outside the bedroom to explain everything to Mrs. An? Now even if she jumps into a river, Mrs. An will misunderstand she lost her innocence.

An Yin Zhu listens to Mrs. An, he locks the bedroom door.

Gu Tian Tian looks around the bedroom for an escape. Then she looks at An Yin Zhu's devilish smile, and knows even if she screams, Mrs. An will misunderstand her screams.

'I... I have something I need to do,' Gu Tian Tian stammers.

Gu Tian Tian jumps out of bed. She wants to unlock the door, but walking to the door is like walking straight into a tiger's lair.

'Why did you want to see me?' An Yin Zhu asks, and guards the door.

'Nothing,' Gu Tian Tian says, and looks helplessly at the locked door.

'Are you worried?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'I'm a bit worried,' Gu Tian Tian says, and pretends to be calm.

'Saying yes or no is easy,' An Yin Zhu says. 'You don't need to worry. If you say no, I won't do anything to you.'

'Really?' Gu Tian Tian asks suspiciously. 'Honestly, I think everything is happening a bit fast... I should leave first.'

'No,' An Yin Zhu says, and shakes his head.

'Do you want something?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'Yes, I want something,' An Yin Zhu says. 'I'm thinking about whether we should play love games in bed together.'

'Yamete!' Gu Tian Tian says softly.

‘If we play love games in bed together tonight, it doesn’t matter if we get caught because we’ll just get married,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘My mum will scold me, and your mum will voice a little displeasure. But after our wedding, our mums won’t interfere in our love games again.’

Gu Tian Tian feels like Mrs. An and Mrs. Gu will encourage her and An Yin Zhu playing love games instead of stopping them.

An Yin Zhu steps closer to Gu Tian Tian, and she steps back.

‘Don’t try any funny business or I’ll call your mum,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘You can escape the first time,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘But you can’t escape the inevitable.’

‘Big brother Yin Zhu, let’s negotiate,’ Gu Tian Tian says sweetly.

‘We’ll negotiate if you say you’ll marry me,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian keeps quiet. She doesn’t believe An Yin Zhu will force her to do anything against her will.

An Yin Zhu can read Gu Tian Tian’s train of thoughts. He walks to the desk, and turns on loud music.

‘Go ahead and call my mum,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘See if my mum can hear you.’

An Yin Zhu wraps his arms around Gu Tian Tian’s waist. He bends his head, kisses her lips and their tongues tangle. Even if she’s free to call Mrs. An, she won’t call Mrs. An because being caught kissing in bed with him once is enough. Besides, throughout the years she has known him, he hasn’t done anything to hurt her deeply.

An Yin Zhu and Gu Tian Tian fall onto the bed again. He lies on top of her, and his hands explores under her shirt.

It’s not the first time An Yin Zhu’s hands intimately touches Gu Tian Tian’s breasts. But no matter how many times his hands touches her breasts, her heart always races.

Gu Tian Tian looks confidently in An Yin Zhu’s eyes to tell him to dream on if he thinks she’s scared of him.

An Yin Zhu pulls up Gu Tian Tian's loose T-shirt, and she feels a little scared. But she calms down herself, because she doesn't believe he'll go all the way even if he sees her naked.

Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu roll on the bed, fighting over her T-shirt. A while later, he succeeds taking off her T-shirt. She only has her jeans and underwear left to cover her body.

'I'm giving you one last chance to say you'll marry me and we'll negotiate,' An Yin Zhu says.

An Yin Zhu's words reassure Gu Tian Tian that he won't go all the way.

'I don't believe you have guts,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'Don't think I'm scared of you. I saw you naked already.'

An Yin Zhu knows Gu Tian Tian is provoking him, and that he doesn't have intentions to bed her tonight. But it doesn't mean they can't pleasure each other in other ways, especially with her ripe breasts on display.

Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu go for another round of rolling on the bed. He unbuttons and unzips her jeans then he pulls her jeans and underwear down to her knees.

'An Yin Zhu, let go of me!' Gu Tian Tian orders.

An Yin Zhu lies on top of Gu Tian Tian. 'Why? Are you scared? Won't you cocky a moment ago?'

End of Chapter Eighteen

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An Yin Zhu lets go of Gu Tian Tian. She pulls the bedsheet over her body, and he regrets scaring her too much.

An Yin Zhu looks out the window while Gu Tian Tian dresses under the bedsheet.

‘I’ll take responsibility,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Responsibility? Gu Tian Tian wants to bite An Yin Zhu to death.

Gu Tian Tian kicks An Yin Zhu’s body twice, and he holds onto her legs.

‘I’ll let you kick me as much as you want after we’re married,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Marry your little sister,’ Gu Tian Tian mumbles.

Gu Tian Tian prefers hitting her head than believing An Yin Zhu.

‘Let go of my legs,’ Gu Tian Tian orders.

An Yin Zhu knows Gu Tian Tian has reached her limit. He lets go of her legs, and runs to the living room to let her escape.

Gu Tian Tian walks to her pink bedroom, and sleeps.

The next morning, An Yin Zhu wakes Gu Tian Tian up.

‘How did you get in here?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘I opened the door,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian hates being woken up early in the morning. She opens her eyes, sees the man who groped her last night sitting on the bed and wants to kick him out of her bedroom.

‘Get up, we’re going mountain climbing,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Who said I want to go mountain climbing?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Do you want us to stay in bed?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian hates morning exercise, but she’s scared of being on the same bed with An Yin Zhu more. Last night, she knew he wouldn’t go all the way with her, but she doesn’t want to provoke him in bed again. She quickly gets out of bed, and changes clothes in the bathroom.

Gu Tian Tian yawns, and walks downstairs to look for Mrs. An. But she finds out Mrs. An isn’t home, Mrs. An went out to friend’s place last night after walking in on her and An Yin Zhu. She feels like last night she escaped by the skin of her teeth.

An Yin Zhu sees the stubborn Gu Tian Tian wearing a dress instead of hiking clothes and smiles. He picks up the packed hiking bag from the sofa, and holds Gu Tian Tian’s hand.

‘I’m not going,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Do you want to do a different exercise activity this morning?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian considers calling Mrs. An, but Mrs. An will tell her that exercise is good for her health.

‘I’ll go change clothes,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Hurry up,’ An Yin Zhu says, and lets go of Gu Tian Tian’s hand.

Gu Tian Tian changes into hiking clothes, and curses An Yin Zhu. She lost sleep last night because of him. Thinking about marrying him gives her a headache, and being forced to exercise early in the morning gives her a bigger headache.

Gu Tian Tian remembers a month ago, An Yin Zhu didn’t hug her and kiss her in public freely. But now he’s openly affectionate toward her in private and public.

In the car, An Yin Zhu focuses on driving and Gu Tian Tian's rational voices gives her advice in her head.

Gu Tian Tian's common sense speaks up first. 'Gu Tian Tian, you can't rush into marriage.'

Gu Tian Tian's logic agrees. 'That's right. An Yin Zhu suddenly kisses you, says he likes you then he says he loves you and proposes to you. He's not sincere.'

Gu Tian Tian's family voice sighs. 'Gu Tian Tian's family won't side with her. Mr. and Mrs. An knows Mr. and Mrs Gu wanted to marry Gu Tian Tian off to An Yin Zhu years ago.'

Gu Tian Tian's vision cries. 'Did everyone forget who An Yin Zhu is?'

Gu Tian Tian glances at An Yin Zhu driving. She doubts that he loves her. He looks like a bandit who kidnapped a maiden.

Gu Tian Tian sighs. Whether she and An Yin Zhu loves each other, they need at least another couple of years being together before considering marriage.

At half past nine in the morning, Gu Tian Tian finds out it's an outing with An Yin Zhu's work colleagues. Everyone puts their hiking bags in the boot of Yi Qi Cheng's car.

'I'll meet everyone on top of the mountain,' Yi Qi Cheng says.

Gu Tian Tian climbs the mountain with An Yin Zhu for a while before she's suspicious why everyone over packs for a morning mountain climb.

'We'll be spending the night at the cabin, and going back home tomorrow afternoon,' An Yin Zhu explains.

Gu Tian Tian feels like fell into another trap.

'You didn't ask sooner,' An Yin Zhu says.

Everyone has friendly chit chats with Gu Tian Tian, except for Bai Lu who is jealous of Gu Tian Tian's close relationship with An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian wants to pull her hand away from An Yin Zhu's hand. He holds on tighter, and she digs her fingernails into his palm.

An Yin Zhu looks affectionately at Gu Tian Tian like he's doting on a child, and

she thinks it's another hallucination.

One hour later, Gu Tian Tian feels drained. She leans on An Yin Zhu for support.

Ye Qi Cheng waves to everyone at the top of the mountain. Gu Tian Tian finds a bench, and drinks half a bottle of water.

Bai Lu, Zhang Xiao Man and another female staff are grilling food while Gu Tian Tian rests on a bench.

Gu Tian Tian feels better, and wants to help cook. But An Yin Zhu gives her a chicken leg to eat.

'You'll only hinder them,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian doesn't open her mouth because she knows her cooking limitations.

'What do you want to eat?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'I'll grill it for you.'

'Yin Zhu, I didn't expect you know how to take care of someone,' Zhang Xiao Man teases.

'I took care of her since I was a boy, it's a habit,' An Yin Zhu says.

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Gu Tian Tian agrees An Yin Zhu took care of her since he was a boy. She remembers eighty percent of her childhood, he took care of her more than her parents.

Gu Tian Tian reminds herself not to see An Yin Zhu in a good light. She can't forget the real devilish An Yin Zhu who groped her in bed last night.

'Don't add too much pepper,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Last night you were feverish.'

An Yin Zhu passes a plate of meat to Gu Tian Tian.

'Who's feverish?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'You have a red bean on your face,' An Yin Zhu says.

'You have a red bean on your face,' Gu Tian Tian mumbles.

Zhang Xiao Man elbows her boyfriend Chen Kai Hua and jokes. 'Kai Hua, don't you think Yin Zhu is a woman's ideal man?'

Gu Tian Tian wishes Zhang Xiao Man can see the real devilish An Yin Zhu who is the opposite to his angelic looks.

'Isn't eating hot food not good for someone who's feverish?' Gu Tian Tian asks sarcastically.

'You're right, you shouldn't eat hot food,' An Yin Zhu says, and cuts the meat into pieces for Gu Tian Tian.

Gu Tian Tian's first reaction, An Yin Zhu is a fake. Her second reaction, An Yin Zhu is a big fake.

'Then what am I supposed to eat?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu swaps the plate of meat for a plate of salad. Gu Tian Tian is exhausted from a morning mountain climb. She salivates at the plate of meat, but doesn't want to let him win.

An Yin Zhu watches Gu Tian Tian eat a plate of salad and smiles cheekily. 'Are you hungry?'

Gu Tian Tian isn't fooled by An Yin Zhu's angelic looks in white clothing. But she admits he's a good cook. When he was a ten-year-old, he knows how to cook delicious meals for her to eat... except he accidentally lit the kitchen on fire.

An Yin Zhu reads Gu Tian Tian's thoughts and defends himself. 'Gu Xiao Zhu, that happened years ago. I'm not a master chef. But my cooking skills have improved enough to satisfy your hunger.'

An Yin Zhu grabs ingredients, and starts cooking a healthy meal for Gu Tian Tian.

'Does seeing me cook make you think about something?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'Like what?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'Like I'll make a good husband,' An Yin Zhu says.

'Looks are deceiving,' Gu Tian Tian says, and blushes.

'If looks are deceiving then old grudges aren't reliable,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Can you say I didn't take good care of you in the past? What boxes don't I tick for you?'

Gu Tian Tian admits An Yin Zhu knows how to take good care of her. What are his traits that dissatisfy her? He's egotistical, and most of the time doesn't consider her opinions. He's a pervert toward her, but he doesn't cross her comfort boundaries.

Gu Tian Tian thinks about last night, and believes she has officially lost her mind. She lied naked underneath An Yin Zhu last night, but he didn't go all the way. She's an attractive young woman... does that mean he doesn't find her

body appealing?

Gu Tian Tian focuses on eating the bland salad. Feverish? It's obvious she's been sleep deprived because of An Yin Zhu, but she can't announce it in front of his colleagues.

An Yin Zhu gives Gu Tian Tian a plate of healthy ingredients he cooked for her.

'Eat more,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian eats An Yin Zhu's dish and pretends it's not delicious.

'Your cooking isn't edible,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An hour later, Gu Tian Tian regrets not eating all of An Yin Zhu's cooked dish because the afternoon hike depletes her energy.

An Yin Zhu holds onto Gu Tian Tian waist, and helps her walk up a steep trail.

'Are we there yet?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'Another half an hour,' An Yin Zhu says. 'Do you want me to piggyback you?'

'No,' Gu Tian Tian says.

Half an hour later, Gu Tian Tian sits on a sofa at the resort's reception and she doesn't want to move a muscle.

An Yin Zhu waves the key to his and Gu Tian Tian's cabin. She shakily stands up, follows him to their cabin, and lies dead on the bed.

An Yin Zhu unpacks his and Gu Tian Tian's clothes from the hiking bag. Afterward, he takes off his shoes and lies next to her on the bed.

Gu Tian Tian has enough energy to open her eyes. 'Why are you here?'

'I forgot to tell you, we're sharing the same cabin room tonight,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian knows An Yin Zhu planned all along for them to share the same cabin room. She's indifferent to sleeping on the same bed with him in the past. But everything changed last night, because they saw each other naked. What's going to happen between them if they're sleeping in a remote cabin room together?

Gu Tian Tian forces her numbed body to get out of bed.

An Yin Zhu holds her arm. ‘What are you scared of?’

‘Who’s scared?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu leans his face close to Gu Tian Tian’s face. She knows he wants to kiss her, and purposely turns her head to the side. He rolls on top of her, holds her chin and kisses her lips. She looks coldly at him, he covers her eyes and his tongue pries her teeth apart.

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Gu Tian Tian kicks a fuss. One minute later, she rolls on her stomach and An Yin Zhu lies on her back.

‘If you run away from me, we’ll stay in bed for the rest of the day,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian wiggles her back. ‘Get off me, you’re breaking my back.’

‘If you call my name sweetly, I’ll let you go,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Big brother Chi Si Zhu,’ Gu Tian Tian calls.

An Yin Zhu laughs and shakes his head. ‘Say husband sweetly.’

‘Husband, your little sister,’ Gu Tian Tian mumbles.

An Yin Zhu kisses Gu Tian Tian’s stubborn mouth.

‘If you kiss me again, I’m going to bite your lips,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Go ahead,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘If someone asks me what happened, I’ll say you bit my lips when we were in bed together.’

Gu Tian Tian wishes she can bite An Yin Zhu’s lips without adding to others’ misunderstandings about their relationship.

Gu Tian Tian would rather let An Yin Zhu French kiss her than calling him husband sweetly. He can wait until he’s an old man, and she still won’t call him husband sweetly.

Minutes later, An Yin Zhu’s hands unbuttons Gu Tian Tian’s top, he massages her breasts and pretends to be a gentleman.

‘I’m helping you take off your clothes before we head to the hot springs,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian remembers what a cad An Yin Zhu was last night, and curses him. ‘An Yin Zhu, you MF, get off my back. I hate you.’

An Yin Zhu looks at Gu Tian Tian’s face for a while. Then he abruptly gets out of bed, adjusts his wrinkled clothes and silently leaves the bedroom.

Gu Tian Tian watches An Yin Zhu close the door, and regrets cursing him.

‘It’s obvious An Yin Zhu took advantage of me,’ Gu Tian Tian mumbles. ‘Why is he acting like a pitiful person?’

Gu Tian Tian sits like a guilty person on the bed for a few minutes, and someone knocks on the door. She jumps out of bed, opens the door and feels disappointed it’s Zhang Xiao Man.

‘Did you bring your swim wear?’ Zhang Xiao Man asks.

Gu Tian Tian shakes her head.

‘There’s a swim wear kiosk near reception,’ Zhang Xiao Man says and gives Gu Tian Tian a key. ‘It’s to unlock the gate to the private hot springs.’

‘Private?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘You and Yin Zhu are exclusively designated to this private hot springs area,’ Zhang Xiao Man says, and smiles.

Zhang Xiao Man leaves, Gu Tian Tian sits on the bed and turns on the TV. Who

wants to spend alone time with An Yin Zhu in the hot springs? Gu Tian Tian doesn't see the TV screen, because she can only see An Yin Zhu's hurt face before he left the bedroom. Gu Tian Tian feels restless on the bed as if her heart knows there's somewhere important she needs to be.

Gu Tian Tian sighs. She gets out of bed, adjusts her clothes and buys swim wear at the kiosk.

Back in the cabin room, Gu Tian Tian reconsiders making An Yin Zhu happy by going to the hot springs. But soaking her drained body in the hot springs will relax her muscles.

Gu Tian Tian walks halfway to the hot springs, and hesitates.

'Tian Tian,' Zhang Xiao Man and Chen Kai Hua calls.

Zhang Xiao Man catches up to Gu Tian Tian. 'Are you lost? Do you want us to take you there?'

Gu Tian Tian nods, Zhang Xiao Man and Chen Kai Hua drops Gu Tian Tian off at the hot springs gate.

Gu Tian Tian enters the hot springs area. The air is hot and steamy. There's no one around, and she feels disappointed, but since she's here, she wants to soak her body in the hot springs. She takes off her clothes to change into her swim wear, but she hears rustling noises, and jumps into the hot springs.

'Don't come here!' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu walks away. Gu Tian Tian can't believe how obedient he is today. She gets out of the hot springs, and quickly puts on the swim wear.

'An Yin Zhu,' Gu Tian Tian calls.

Gu Tian Tian can't hear or see An Yin Zhu. She soaks her body in the hot springs, and curses the petty An Yin Zhu. Did he leave because he doesn't want to see her?

Half an hour later, Gu Tian Tian feels frustrated than relaxed. She gets out of the hot springs, puts on her clothes and returns to the cabin room. There's no one else inside the cabin room either. How can An Yin Zhu take her to a mountain cabin, and desert her?

Gu Tian Tian feels it's a waste to watch TV alone inside a mountain cabin. She puts aside her pride, and calls An Yin Zhu.

'I'm hungry,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Um,' An Yin Zhu says.

'I'm hungry!' Gu Tian Tian says louder.

'What do you want?' An Yin Zhu asks, and sighs.

Ten minutes later, Gu Tian Tian and An Yin Zhu arrives at a small restaurant near the hot springs. Her stomach rumbles because she only ate a bit of salad the whole day.

An Yin Zhu orders grilled meat for Gu Tian Tian, because she's hungry.

'A man shouldn't be petty,' Gu Tian Tian says. 'I didn't provoke you, but look at how you treat me.'

An Yin Zhu quietly waits for the grilled meat.

Gu Tian Tian looks frustrated in An Yin Zhu's eyes.

'Do you hate me?' An Yin Zhu asks.

'Yes, I really hate you,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu's face pales, and Gu Tian Tian remembers she wants to make up with him.

'Honestly, I don't really hate you...' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu stands up, and speaks coldly. 'If you hate me, I won't annoy you by appearing in front of you.'

Gu Tian Tian feels more frustrated. She clearly said she didn't hate An Yin Zhu.

'An Yin Zhu...' Gu Tian Tian calls.

An Yin Zhu doesn't turn around, and walks out of the small restaurant.

A waiter arrives with grilled meat, but Gu Tian Tian lost her appetite. She eats to satisfy her hunger, but feels like the grilled meat tastes like bland salad.

Later, Gu Tian Tian queues in front of the counter, she looks for money in her pockets, but she realises she didn't bring money.

Lucky Gu Tian Tian brought her phone. She doesn't want to call An Yin Zhu, but she doesn't have Zhang Xiao Man's phone number or any of the other female staff's phone numbers.

A couple of minutes later, Gu Tian Tian calls An Yin Zhu.

'I didn't bring money,' Gu Tian Tian says pitifully. 'Bring my money here.'

An Yin Zhu doesn't reply, and hangs up his phone.

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Gu Tian Tian calls An Yin Zhu's phone again.

'I know,' An Yin Zhu says, and hangs up his phone again.

Gu Tian Tian feels like An Yin Zhu is upset with her.

Gu Tian Tian sees An Yin Zhu as someone who is calm even if the sky falls down. In the past she failed to push his buttons. What happened to the calm An Yin Zhu?

Gu Tian Tian sits back at the table, and she feels hungry again.

An Yin Zhu sits at the small restaurant adjacent from the small restaurant he left Gu Tian Tian. By the window seat, he can see her slowly eating grilled meat.

Who does Gu Tian Tian think she is? When she doesn't need An Yin Zhu, she shoos him away, and when she needs him, she calls him and he foolishly comes to her. What is he? A tissue box that she pulls out tissues when she needs tissues, and discard the tissue box when there are no tissues left?

An Yin Zhu answers Gu Tian Tian's phone call.

'Why aren't you here?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'I'm lost, wait for me,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian is suspicious why An Yin Zhu is lost since the small restaurant is near the hot springs.

‘Um, hurry up,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Um,’ An Yin Zhu says, and hangs up his phone first.

If Gu Tian Tian begs An Yin Zhu to come quickly, he’ll walk to her table.

Five minutes later. ‘Why aren’t you here? I’m full.’

‘Be patient, I’m on the right track now, I’ll be there soon,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Um, come soon,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Another five minutes later. ‘Where are you?’

‘It looks like I’m lost again,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Are you pranking me?’ Gu Tian Tian asks.

‘Does it look like I have nothing better to do than play a prank?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘Hurry up,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘I ate all the grilled meat.’

An Yin Zhu holds in a laugh. ‘Why don’t you order more grilled meat?’

‘I’m full,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘Then I’ll keep you company over the phone,’ An Yin Zhu suggests.

‘Um, where did you go?’ Gu Tian Tian asks. ‘Did you fall into a ditch, and you can’t climb out?’

‘What are you going to do if I can’t climb out of the ditch?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

‘I’ll explain my situation to the floor manager, and I’ll ask if a staff member can drive me back to the resort for me to get money from my cabin room,’ Gu Tian Tian says. ‘Don’t think I’ll wait for you forever.’

‘Oh?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘Then don’t wait for me. I don’t know when I’ll get there.’

Gu Tian Tian clutches her phone. She doesn’t doubt An Yin Zhu is playing a prank on her. She’s shy around strangers. If she explains her situation to the floor manager, she won’t know what to do if the floor manager won’t agree to

let someone drive her back to the resort.

‘You’re wasting my breath,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘If you beg me, I’ll appear in front of you straight away,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Stay lost,’ Gu Tian Tian says, and hangs up her phone.

Gu Tian Tian suddenly has a stomach ache. She vows to get even with An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian calls An Yin Zhu’s phone again. ‘I’m begging you.’

‘You sound insincere,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘I’m begging big brother...’ Gu Tian Tian says, and curses the big pig head under her breath.

‘I want to hear you say sincerely, big brother, I love you, come save me,’ An Yin Zhu says.

‘Big brother brazen,’ Gu Tian Tian mumbles.

An Yin Zhu pretends he didn’t hear Gu Tian Tian insulting him.

‘If you don’t have anything to say, I’m hanging up,’ An Yin Zhu says. Gu Tian Tian wants to smash her phone. She glances at the floor manager looking at her like she wants to eat and run, and her stomach ache hurts more. She decides to play the submissive woman card, and get even with An Yin Zhu later.

‘Big brother...’ Gu Tian Tian calls sweetly, and blushes.

‘What are you mumbling?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian bites her lips. ‘Big brother, I love you, I’m begging you to come save me.’

Gu Tian Tian feels like her muscles are tenser after soaking her body in the hot springs. The customers must have heard her conversation with An Yin Zhu, because they’re staring at her. She crosses her legs, and wants to skin An Yin Zhu.

An Yin Zhu smiles, hangs up his phone, appears in front of Gu Tian Tian within a minute and pays for her meal. ‘Let’s go.’

Gu Tian Tian gives An Yin Zhu a stink eye, and he takes her back to the resort via the scenic route. She has learnt not to let him find out another weakness about her.

‘Are you upset?’ An Yin Zhu asks, and holds Gu Tian Tian’s hand.

‘No,’ Gu Tian Tian denies. ‘Why are we taking the scenic route? I want to go back to the cabin.’

‘What’s the rush?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘It’s good to exercise after eating a meal.’

‘Exercise your little sister,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

‘A moment ago, didn’t you say, big brother come save me...’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian isn’t in the mood to play games with An Yin Zhu.

‘Big brother, I love you, I want to go back to the cabin,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu’s heart softens. He feels like he’s floating on clouds. Whereas Gu Tian Tian feels like she’s walking on sharp knives.

‘Alright,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Inside the cabin room, Gu Tian Tian grabs clean clothes, runs to the bathroom and An Yin Zhu follows her.

‘Why are you following me to the bathroom?’ Gu Tian Tian asks, and closes the bathroom door.

Gu Tian Tian feels relieved after unloading. She changes clothes, opens the bathroom door and sees An Yin Zhu waiting for her.

‘If I remember correctly, you declared that you love me today,’ An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian’s face turns red. Love An Yin Zhu? It’s her burning need to go the bathroom that made her resort to saying she loves An Yin Zhu. The scenic route back to the cabin room was torture on her bowel. On the way back to the cabin room, she didn’t have the mind frame to think about love declarations like An Yin Zhu.

Gu Tian Tian is suspicious why An Yin Zhu has a rosy complexion like he’s feverish.

‘I love you, you love me,’ An Yin Zhu says. ‘I think there’s no reason for us to wait until our wedding night.’

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The moment An Yin Zhu traps Gu Tian Tian against the wall, she understands his intentions. But she doesn't believe the An Yin Zhu who used to be her childhood protector would do anything besides kissing her.

'I can't hold back anymore,' An Yin Zhu says.

'Wait,' Gu Tian Tian says.

An Yin Zhu seduces Gu Tian Tian with his kisses, and she reconsiders using her last weapon against his seduction.

'Gu Xiao Zhu, you have nothing to fear,' An Yin Zhu murmurs in Gu Tian Tian's ear.

Gu Tian Tian reasons it's not the first, second or third time An Yin Zhu kissed her. At least he's eye candy, and kissing eye candy doesn't taste bad. If she fights him, it'll be her who'll waste energy against his infinite strength.

An Yin Zhu's seduction is working, because Gu Tian Tian didn't know when he carried her to the bed, when he pulled her T-shirt up to her neck and when he started kneading her breasts.

'An Yin Zhu, what do you want to do?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'Nothing, I only want to hold you,' An Yin Zhu says and kisses Gu Tian Tian's collar bone.

'Then what are your hands doing?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu's hands let go of Gu Tian Tian's breasts, but his heavy body flattens her body. He kisses her neck, and slips a hand inside her pants.

'Have you flatten me enough?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

An Yin Zhu rolls Gu Tian Tian on top of him. He unbuttons her pants, and shrugs her pants to her knees, which startles her and reminds her that he is a man. But she doesn't want her first time to be at a resort. The alternatives are at his family home or his condo. She shakes her head, it's not a time to think about where she wants to be ravished, because she's supposed to find a way to escape him.

'Wait,' Gu Tian Tian says again.

'Why?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'I love you, you love me. What's stopping us?'

'Who loves you?' Gu Tian Tian denies.

'You don't love me?' An Yin Zhu asks skeptically. 'Then let me show you my wild love.'

An Yin Zhu pretends to take off Gu Tian Tian's underwear.

'If you take off my clothes, I'll scream,' Gu Tian Tian says.

'Go ahead and scream,' An Yin Zhu says.

Gu Tian Tian looks down at her light blue underwear and cries. 'You're bullying me.'

It's natural for An Yin Zhu to be affected by Gu Tian Tian's tears, no matter how years have passed. He turns her body over to lie on top of his body and hugs her.

'Gu Xiao Zhu, aren't you too old to be a cry baby?' An Yin Zhu asks. 'Do you think your tears will work on me?'

Gu Tian Tian wants to drown An Yin Zhu with her tears.

'Stop crying,' An Yin Zhu says and wipes Gu Tian Tian's tears. 'I'm not going to do anything to you.'

'Really?' Gu Tian Tian asks.

'How can I do anything to someone who only knows how to cry?' An Yin Zhu

asks.

Gu Tian Tian stops crying, and An Yin Zhu let her roll onto the bed. Then he jumps out of bed, and walks painfully to the bathroom.

Gu Tian Tian pulls down her T-shirt, pulls up her pants, and follows An Yin Zhu into the bathroom.

‘What are you doing?’ Gu Tian Tian asks. ‘I want to wash my face.’

An Yin Zhu didn’t expect Gu Tian Tian would barge into the bathroom while he’s taking a cold shower.

‘Now who’s bullying who?’ An Yin Zhu asks. ‘Can’t you see I’m taking a shower?’

‘I didn’t know you’re showering,’ Gu Tian Tian says and blushes.

‘Do you want to take a shower with me?’ An Yin Zhu asks.

Gu Tian Tian’s eyes follow water dripping down from An Yin Zhu’s throat to his chiselled chest, and she gulps.

‘Go to hell,’ Gu Tian Tian says.

Gu Tian Tian turns around to flee, but An Yin Zhu is quicker. He captures her, and closes the bathroom door.

‘Today you’re taking a shower,’ An Yin Zhu says.

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